

# GEOMETRY OF THE QUADRANGLE

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It is the object of this paper to give as many of the properties of the complete quadrangle with their history as can be found in the library of the University of Kansas.

The history of the properties of the simple quadrangle has been treated in the chronological order, while the theorems have been classified as follows:-

A. Simple quadrangle

I. Parallelogram

a. Rectangular.

(1) Square.

(2) Oblong.

b. Nonrectangular.

(1) Rhombus.

(2) Rhomboid.

II. Trapeziod.

a. Isosceles trapezoid.

b. Scalene trapezoid.

III. Trapezium.

## HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

Several examples of the simple quad rangle present themselves in so striking a form, that they could hardly have failed to impress the earliest races of mankind. For corroborative evidence of their influence we have only to refer to the early art of such peoples as the Greeks, Celts and Egyptians.

The Geometric Age in Greek Art is so called on account of the use of geometric figures in the decoration of pottery and bronze work as found in the graves of the period from the ninth to the seventh century B.C. In these designs the use of the square and the parallelogram is conspicuous. In the famous Celtic burial grounds in Hallstatt in upper Austria were found shields, plates and hemlets with designs resembling those on the pottery in the graves of Greece. The latest possible date, given by authorities for their origin is 1350 B.C. Examples of this kind might be multiplied. These are sufficient to show that since the

simpler figures were familiar, it is not improbable that some of their properties were known at a very early date.

A record of the discovery of these properties is of necessity fragmentary. The history of some of them can be given with certainty while the traditions of others are interesting if not reliable.

According to the Archaeologist, Halprecht the Babylonians, in the second or third milennium B.C., were familiar with the correct methods for finding the areas of the square, rectangle and trapezoid. This information he obtained from examining more or less carefully fifty thousand cuneiform tablets, most of which were taken from the excavations at Nippur.

Our second source of information on ancient mathematics is the Egyptian manuscript written about 2000 B.C. This contains no theorems, but special problems, for example;- to measure a rectangle two units by ten units; to describe a trapezoid whose parallel sides are six and four units and each of the other sides twenty units. We find in it also, the

incorrect formula for the area of an isosceles trapezoid  $\frac{a}{2}(g_1 \text{ plus } g_2)$  where  $a$  is one of the equal sides and  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are the bases.

Egypt is considered as the birthplace of geometry but to what extent the Egyptians developed it is hard to determine. Democritus and Plutarch speak of their ability to compute areas and their skill in Geometric construction. In connection with the quadrangle this question is of some importance. The Greeks until the time of Archimedes were not interested in mensuration. Most of the early theorems which we have along this line were formulated by men who were acquainted with Egyptian learning, or indirectly through Pythagores had become interested in this subject.

An inscription on the temple of Horns at Edfu in upper Egypt. In a rule for the working out of the priest's estates, the area of an irregular quadrangle was used as  $\frac{a+b}{2} \cdot \frac{c+d}{2}$  Where  $a, b, c, d$ , were the sides of the quadrangle. It is not as close an approximation as the one given in the Rhind Papyrus for the isosceles trapezoid. This would lead us to think that the Egyptian Geometry made little

advance from the time of Ahmes to the first century B.C. On the other hand we know that such men as Thales and Pythagoras would hardly have spent years of study in Egypt on a few unformulated theorems some of which were incorrect.

It is through Pythagoras that the Geometry of the quadrangle was carried from Egypt into Greece. Thales who must have been as familiar with this side of Egyptian Geometry as his successor did not seem to have developed or to have transferred to his pupils his knowledge.

The work of Pythagoras can not be separated from that of the secret society which he founded. There are several reasons for this. Members were forbidden to publish their work and their discoveries were ascribed to the founder. Proclus tells us that all the theorems concerning the application of areas in the sense used in Book I, Theorem 44 of Euclid, and with the broader meaning as in the VI Book of Euclid, "are old and the inventions of the Pythagorians". This is to some extent confirmed by Plutarch who said that Pythagoras contrary to his re-

ligion, "sacrificed an ox on account of the geometric diagram either the one referring to the square on the hypotenuse or that relating to the problem concerning the application of areas." He attributes to Pythagoras the solution of the problem, to construct a rectilinear figure similar to one figure and equivalent to another.

The school founded by Pythagorees existed for several centuries. It was from members of this brotherhood that Hippocrates of Chios acquired his knowledge of mathematics. He is the first, of whom we have any account, to break the rule of silence of this order, by publishing in 430 B.C. a text book on elementary geometry. Simplicius preserved some of this work of Hippocrates in his extract from Eudemus', History of Geometry. In it, solutions of the following problems were required:- To construct a square which shall be equal to a given rectilinear figure; To find a line the square on which shall be equal to three times the square on a given line; given two straight lines, construct a trapezoid, such that one of the parallel sides shall be equal to the greater of two given lines and each of the three remaining sides equal to the less. About



this trapezoid describe a circle.

About this time considerable confusion prevailed concerning the terms used for the different types of the quadrangle. Euclid in the third century B.C. attempted to classify the various forms. Proclus says that Euclid was the man who introduced the word parallelogram. His use of the word is the same as ours. Under it he included the square, rectangle, rhombus and rhomboid. Euclid did not attempt to add any new properties, of these figures, in his elements. One of the most simple of the properties, the diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other, was omitted. This first appears in the writings of Archimedes who gave the theorem, the point of intersection of the lines joining the mid points of the opposite sides of a parallelogram coincides with the point of intersection of the diagonals.

Heron in 100 B.C. gave a new classification, which differed in several respects from that of Euclid. Euclid had used the word trapezoid to include all quadrangles which were not parallelograms. Heron distinguishes between parallel trapezoid and irregular quadrangle. He also gave the solution to the problem, to construct two rectangles in which the sum of their sides as well as their areas are

in a given ratio.

Passing on to the second Alexandrian School, Ptolmey in about 150 A.D. proved that a rectangle contained by the diagonals of a quadrangle inscribed in a circle is equivalent to both the rectangles contained by its opposite sides. Later in Pappus', Collection of Mathematics, appears a solution of the problem to find a parallelogram whose sides are in a fixed ratio to those of a given parallelogram while the areas are in another ratio.

This concludes what could be found on the Early History of the Quadrangle, in Greek or Egyptian Mathematics. In India, Brahmagupta and Baschara were acquainted with some of these properties, but they added nothing to the knowledge possessed in the Occident.

## SECTION I

The properties of the parallelogram are numerous. Many of them can be found in the text books on elementary geometry. The proofs are usually simple, for such, only the statement of the theorem needs to be given.

The more general theorems will be considered first, followed by those on the special forms of the parallelogram according to the general outline. By a parallelogram is meant of course a quadrangle in which the opposite sides are equal and parallel.

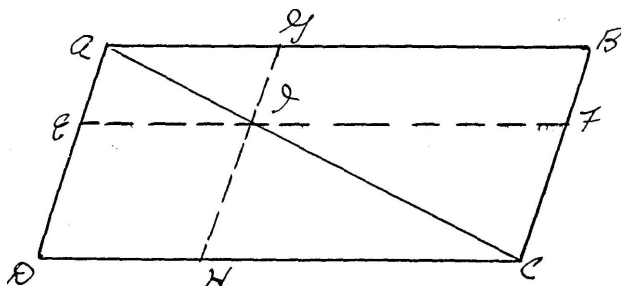
Theorem I. In a parallelogram the diagonals bisect each other.

Theorem II. In a parallelogram a diagonal bisects the area.

Theorem III. Parallelograms which have the same base or equal bases and equal altitudes are equal.

Theorem IV. If a parallelogram has the same base and altitude as a triangle the area of the parallelogram is double that of the triangle.

Theorem V. In any parallelogram the complements of the parallelograms about the diagonals are equal.



Given the parallelogram ABCD, with the parallelograms EG and FH on the diagonal AC.

To prove  $EH = GF$ .

$$\text{Proof: } \triangle ADC = \triangle ABC \quad (1)$$

$$\triangle AEI = \triangle AGI \quad (2)$$

$$\triangle HIC = \triangle IFC \quad (3)$$

Adding (2) and (3) and subtracting from (1),  
the parallelogram  $EH =$  the parallelogram  $GF$ .

Q.E.D.

Theorem VI. In a parallelogram the opposite angles are equal and the adjacent angles are supplementary.

Theorem VII. Two parallelograms are congruent when two adjacent sides and the included angle of one equal respectively to the two adjacent sides and the included angle of the other.

Theorem VIII. Any straight line passing through the diagonals and terminated by the sides bisects the parallelogram.

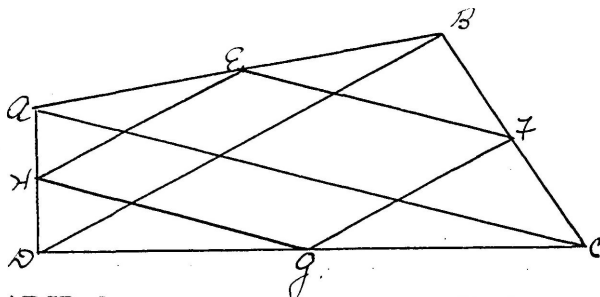
Theorem IX. The areas of the four triangles into which a parallelogram is divided by the diagonals, are equivalent.

Theorem X. If ABCD is a parallelogram, E and F the mid points of AD and BC respectively, BE and DF will bisect the diagonal AC.

Theorem XI. Let ABCD be a parallelogram, P any point in the diagonal BD. If the lines Pa and PC are drawn, triangle PAB will equal triangle PCB. Since they have the same base and equal altitudes.

Theorem XII.

The four lines joining the middle points of the adjacent sides of a quadrangle form a parallelogram.



Let  $ABCD$  be one quadrangle,  $E, F, G, H$  the mid-points of the sides  $AB, BC, CD, DA$  respectively.

To prove  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram.

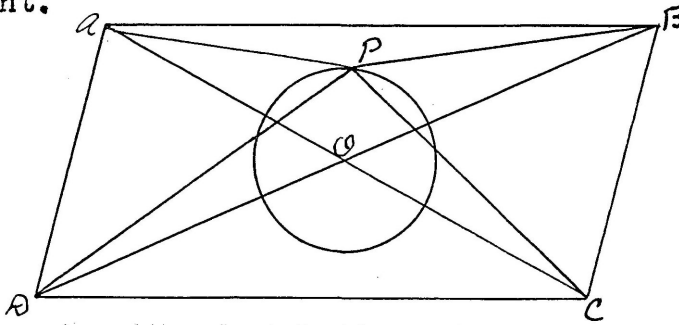
Proof: In the  $\triangle ABD$ ,  $HE$  joins the mid points of  $AD$  and  $BE$  and is therefore parallel to  $BD$ . In the same manner  $FG$  is parallel to  $BD$ .

$\therefore HE$  and  $FG$  are parallel.

In the triangle  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $EF$  is parallel to  $AC$ , and in  $\triangle ADC$ ,  $HG$  is parallel to  $AC$ .  $\therefore EF$  and  $HG$  are parallel. And  $HE, FG$  is a parallelogram.

Q.E.D.

Theorem XIII. If a circle is described about the point of intersection of the diagonals of a parallelogram as center the sum of the squares on the lines drawn from any point on the circumference to the four vertices of the parallelogram is a constant.



Given in the parallelogram ABCD, the circle with center O the intersection of the diagonals, and P any point on the circumference of this circle.

To prove  $\overline{AP}^2 + \overline{PC}^2 + \overline{DP}^2 + \overline{PB}^2 = K$

Proof:  $\overline{DP}^2 + \overline{PB}^2 = 2\overline{PO}^2 + 2\overline{DO}^2$

$$\overline{AP}^2 + \overline{PC}^2 = 2\overline{PO}^2 + 2\overline{AO}^2$$

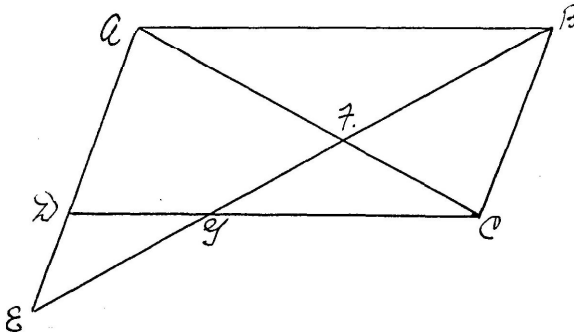
$$\therefore \overline{DP}^2 + \overline{PB}^2 + \overline{AP}^2 + \overline{PC}^2 = \frac{4\overline{R}^2}{2} + \frac{\overline{BD}^2}{2} + \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{2}$$

$$\text{But } \frac{4\overline{R}^2}{2} + \frac{\overline{BD}^2}{2} + \frac{\overline{AC}^2}{2} = K$$

$$\therefore \overline{DP}^2 + \overline{PB}^2 + \overline{AP}^2 + \overline{PC}^2 = K$$

Q.E.D.

Theorem XIV. If ABCD is a parallelogram from B a line is drawn cutting the diagonal AC at F, the side DC at G, AD produced at E, to prove that  $EF \cdot FG = BF^2$



To prove:  $EF \cdot FG = BF^2$

Proof  $\frac{EG}{GB} = \frac{DG}{GC} \quad (1) \quad \frac{GF}{GC} = \frac{BF}{AB} \quad (2)$

From (1) and (2)  $\frac{DG}{AB} = \frac{EG}{EB} = \frac{EG}{EF + FG} \quad (3)$

$$\frac{EG}{GF + FB} = \frac{DG}{GF} \cdot \frac{BF}{AB} = \frac{EG}{GF} \cdot \frac{BF}{(EF + FB)}$$

and (3)

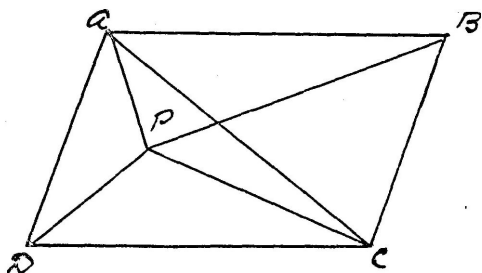
$$GF \cdot FB + \overline{FB}^2 = \overline{EF}^2 + GF \cdot FB$$

$$\overline{FB}^2 = \overline{EF} \cdot BF$$

Q.E.D.



Theorem XV. If ABCD is a parallelogram and P any point, the triangle PAC equals the triangle PAB minus the triangle PAD if P is within the angle BAD or that which is vertically opposite to it, and triangle PAD plus triangle PAB equals triangle PAC if P has any other position.



To Prove

$$\triangle PAC = \triangle PAB - \triangle PAD$$

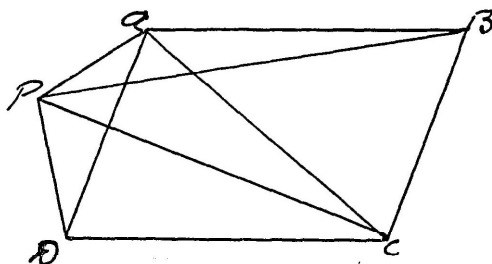
Proof

$$\triangle PDC + \triangle APB = \frac{1}{2} ABCD$$

$$\begin{aligned} \triangle APD &= \frac{1}{2} ABCD - \triangle APC \\ &= \triangle PDC + \triangle APB - \triangle APC \\ &\quad - \triangle PDC \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \triangle APC = \triangle APB - \triangle APD$$

Q.E.D.



To Prove

$$\triangle PAC = \triangle PAD + \triangle PAB$$

Proof:

$$\triangle PAD = \triangle PAC + \triangle PDC - \triangle ADC$$

$$\triangle ADC = \frac{1}{2} ABCD = \triangle PAB + \triangle PCD$$

$$\therefore \triangle PAD = \triangle PAC + \triangle PDC - \triangle PAB - \triangle PCD$$

$$\therefore \triangle PAC = \triangle PAD + \triangle PAB$$

Q.E.D.

Theorem XVI. A parallelogram may be constructed in a given angle equivalent to a given rectilinear figure.

Theorem XVII. On a given line to construct a given rectilinear figure similar to and similarly placed to a given rectilinear figure.

## SECTION II

The rectangle and the square lend themselves readily to problems of construction. More could be found than are included in this paper.

In the theorems on the rectangle there is a redundancy in the case of the proof of the converse of PTOLEMY'S Theorem. This converse is included in Theorem VII but I have also given the proof as it is found in J. Hadamard's *Lecons de Géometrie Elémentaire*, in Theorem IX.

Theorem I. A rectangle is the only parallelogram that may be inscribed in a circle.

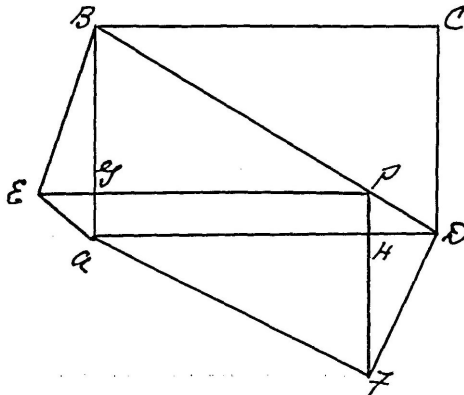
Theorem II. A rectangle may be constructed equivalent to the difference of two given squares.

Theorem III. A rectangle may be constructed equivalent to a given square when the sum of two adjacent sides equal a given quantity.

Theorem IV. A rectangle may be constructed equivalent to a given square when the difference of the two adjacent sides equal a given quantity.

Theorem V. On AB and AD two adjacent sides of a rectangle, two similar triangles are constructed and perpendiculars are drawn from AB and AD to the angles they subtend intersecting at the point P. If AB and AD are homologous sides show that

P is in all cases on one of the diagonals of the rectangle.



To prove BPD is a straight line.

Proof:  $\frac{EG}{GB} = \frac{FH}{HA}$        $\frac{EG}{FH} = \frac{GB}{HA} = \frac{AJ}{HD}$

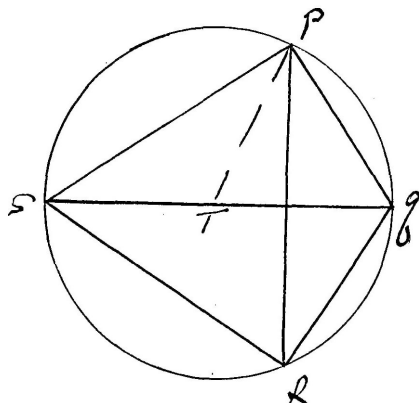
But AG PH and AH GP

$\therefore \frac{GB}{GP} = \frac{HP}{HD}$        $\therefore$  BPD is a straight line and P is on

BD.

Q.E.D.

Theorem VI. The sum of the rectangles contained by opposite sides of an inscribed quadrangle is equal to the rectangles contained by its diagonals.



To prove  $PS \cdot RQ + PQ \cdot SR = PR \cdot SQ$ .

Proof:- Let PQRS be the quadrangle.

Construct  $\angle SPT = \angle RPQ$  and let PT cut SQ at T.

Now  $\Delta$ s SPT, RPQ are equiangular.

$$\therefore PS : PR = ST : RQ$$

$$\therefore PS \cdot RQ = ST \cdot PR$$

Again  $\Delta$ s TPQ and SPR are equiangular.

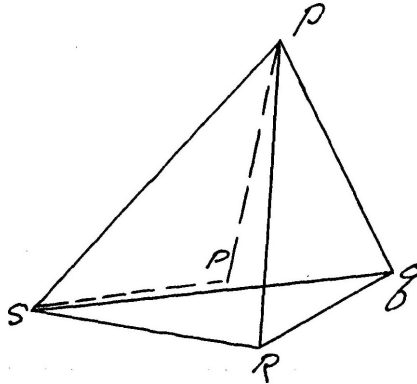
$$\therefore PQ : PR = TQ : SR$$

$$PQ \cdot SR = PR \cdot TQ$$

$$\therefore PS \cdot RQ + PQ \cdot SR = PR \cdot ST + PR \cdot TQ = PR \cdot SQ.$$

Q.E.D.

Theorem VII. The rectangle contained by the diagonals of a quadrangle is less than the sum of the rectangles contained by its opposite sides unless the quadrangle is inscribed in which case it is equal to that sum.



Let PQRS be the quadrangle.

Make  $\angle SPT = \angle RPQ$  and  $\angle PST = \angle PRQ$

Now  $\triangle SPT, \triangle RPQ$  are equiangular.

$\therefore PS : PR = ST : RQ$  or  $PS \cdot RQ = ST \cdot PR$

Also  $PT : PQ = PS : PR$  or  $PT : PS = PQ : PR$

and  $\angle TPQ = \angle SPR$   $\therefore \triangle TPQ, \triangle SPR$  are equiangular.

$\therefore PQ : PR = TQ : SR$

$\therefore PQ \cdot SR = PR \cdot TQ$

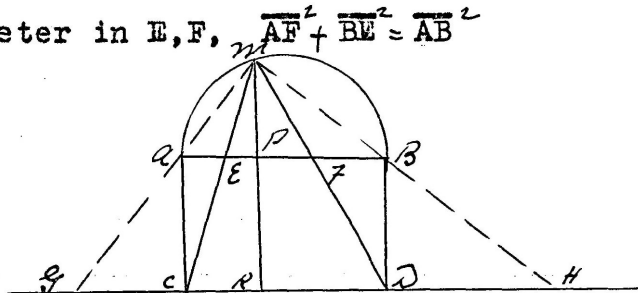
$\therefore PR \cdot ST + PR \cdot TQ = PS \cdot RQ + PQ \cdot SR$

But  $SQ < ST + TQ$  unless  $STQ$  is a straight line.

$\therefore PR \cdot SQ < PS \cdot RQ + PQ \cdot SR$  unless  $STQ$  is a straight line.

If  $STQ$  is a straight line  $\angle QSP = \angle QRP$   $\therefore P, Q, R, S$  are concyclic.

Theorem VIII. On the diameter AB of a semi-circle, construct a rectangle whose altitude AC is equal to the side of an inscribed square. If one joins the vertices C,D to any point M of the semicircumference by the lines CM, DM cutting the diameter in E,F,  $\overline{AF}^2 + \overline{BE}^2 = \overline{AB}^2$



Proof: Draw the chords MA, MB and prolong these lines until they meet in G,H, CD prolonged. The angle GMH is inscribed in a semicircle.

∴ ∠SG and H are complementary and in consequence, the right s GCA, BDH are similar.

And  $\frac{GC}{BD} = \frac{AC}{DH}$  or  $2GC \cdot DH = 2\overline{AC}^2 \cdot \overline{CD}$

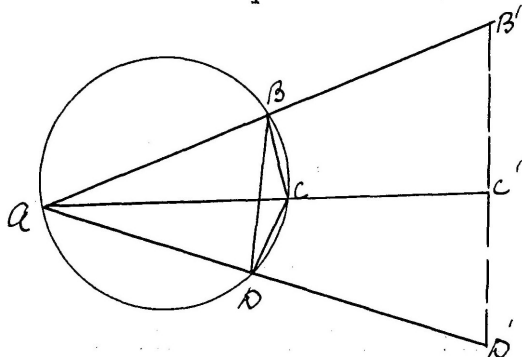
The segments GC, CD, DH being proportional to the segments AE, EF, FB. The preceding equality gives  $2 \overline{AE} \cdot \overline{BF} = \overline{EF}^2$ .

From  $\overline{AF} + \overline{BE} = \overline{AB} + \overline{EF}$  one obtains  $\overline{AF}^2 + \overline{BE}^2 + 2\overline{AF} \cdot \overline{BE} = \overline{AB}^2 + \overline{EF}^2 + 2\overline{AB} \cdot \overline{EF}$  or  $\overline{AF}^2 + \overline{BE}^2 + 2\overline{AF} \cdot \overline{BE} = \overline{AB}^2 + 2(\overline{AE} \cdot \overline{BF} + \overline{AB} \cdot \overline{EF})$ . The identity  $(a+b)(b+c) = ab+c(a+b+c)$

proves that  $\overline{AF} \cdot \overline{BE} = \overline{AE} \cdot \overline{BF} + \overline{AB} \cdot \overline{EF}$

∴  $\overline{AF}^2 + \overline{BE}^2 = \overline{AB}^2$

Theorem IX. The product of the sides AC and BD of an inscribed quadrangle ABCD is equal to the sum of the products of the opposite sides.



Let ABCD be inscribed in a circle.

To prove  $AC \cdot BD = AD \cdot BC + AB \cdot CD$ .

Proof: Transform by inversion, using A as the center. The circle ABCD transforms into a straight line

which passes through the points  $B^I, C^I, D^I$  the inverses of B, C, D. I C be the vertex of the quadrangle opposite

A the points B and D will be on different sides of AC and also the points  $B^I$  and  $D^I$ . The point  $C^I$  will

lie between  $B^I$  and  $D^I$  and will have (in absolute

value)  $B^I D^I = B^I C^I + C^I D^I$  (I)

But if K is the power of the inversion  $B^I D^I = DB \cdot \frac{K}{AB \cdot AD}$

$B^I C^I = CB \cdot \frac{K}{AB \cdot AC}$  and  $C^I D^I = DC \cdot \frac{K}{AC \cdot AD}$

Substituting in these values in (I) and multiply-

ing through by  $AB \cdot AC \cdot AD$  and dividing through by

K, it follows  $AC \cdot BD = AD \cdot BC + AB \cdot CD$ .

Q.E.D.



### SECTION III

Theorem I. A square on a line is equivalent to the squares on two parts together with twice the rectangle contained by the two parts.

Theorem II. In a given circle to inscribe a given square.

Theorem III. To describe a circle about a given square.

Theorem IV. To describe a square about a given circle.

Theorem V. A square is the only rectangle that can be described about a circle.

Theorem VI. The greatest rectangle that may be inscribed in a circle is a square.

Theorem VII. The square on the hypotenuse of a right triangle is equivalent to the sum of the squares on the other two sides

#### SECTION IV

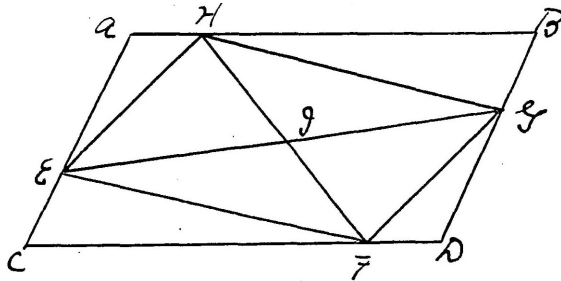
Theorem I. The diagonals of a rhombus are perpendicular to each other.

Theorem II. The diagonals of a rhombus bisect the angles through which it passes.

Theorem III. A rhombus is the only parallelogram that may be described about a circle.

Theorem IV. A rhombus may be constructed equivalent to any parallelogram.

Theorem V. Inscribe a rhombus in a parallelogram, so that one of the angular points of the rhombus may be at a given point in a side of the parallelogram.



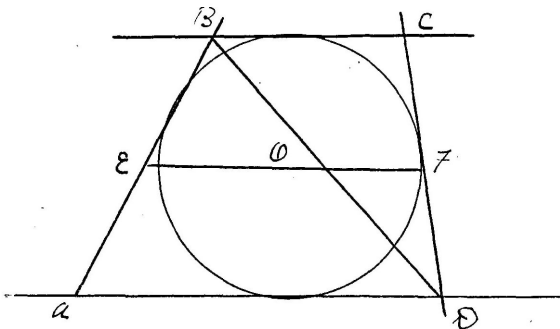
Let E be the given point.

Measure BG CE . Draw GE. Erect bisector H.F.

Draw HE, EF, FG and HG. The triangles may be easily proven equal.

## SECTION V

**Theorem I.** If a trapezoid be described about a circle, a straight line drawn through the middle of the circle parallel to the bases and terminated by the two sides is equal to one-fourth the perimeter of the trapezoid.



To prove  $EF = \frac{1}{4} (AB + BC + CD + DA)$

**Proof:**  $EF = \frac{1}{2} (BC + AD)$

But  $BC + AD = AB + CD$  . . .  $EF = \frac{1}{4}$  perimeter.  
Q.E.D.

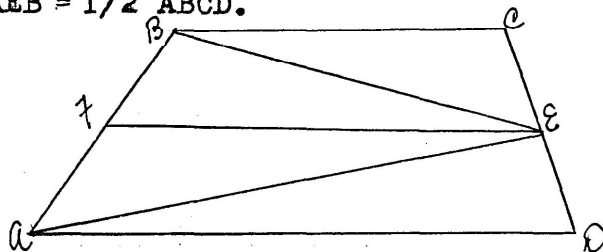
**Theorem II.** If a line parallel to the bases of a trapezoid it will divide the sides proportionally.

*Use fig. in Theorem I.*

To prove  $BE : AE :: CF : FD$ .

$$\frac{BE}{AE} = \frac{BO}{OD} \quad \frac{BO}{OD} = \frac{CF}{FD} \quad \therefore \frac{BE}{AE} = \frac{CF}{FD}$$

Theorem III. If ABCD is a trapezoid with BC parallel to AD, E the mid point of DC. Prove that  $\Delta AEB = \frac{1}{2} ABCD$ .



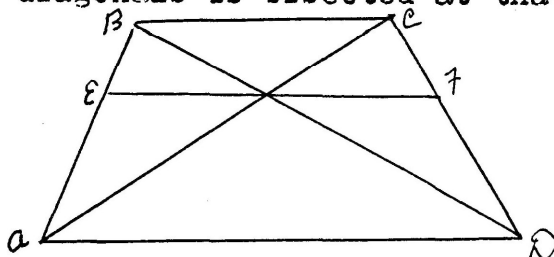
A. of ABCD =  $h$ (altitude)  $\cdot FE$

A. of  $\Delta BEF + \Delta AFE = \frac{1}{2} h \cdot FE$ .

$\therefore \Delta BEF + \Delta AFE = \Delta ABE = \frac{1}{2} ABCD$ .

Q.E.D.

Theorem IV. A line drawn parallel to the bases of a trapezoid through the intersection of the diagonals is bisected at that point.



To prove  $EO = OF$ .

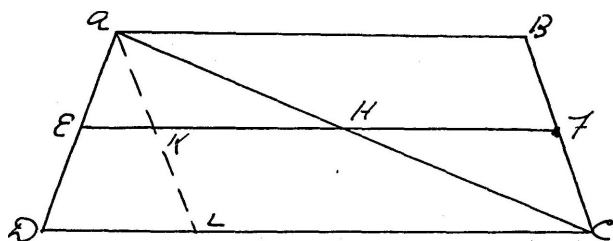
Proof:  $\frac{EO}{AD} = \frac{BE}{BA} = \frac{CF}{CD} = \frac{OF}{AD}$

$\therefore \frac{EO}{AD} = \frac{OF}{AD} \quad \therefore EO = OF$

Q.E.D.

V. In a trapezoid the angles adjacent to either of the non-parallel sides are supplementary.

The median of a trapezoid is parallel to the bases and equal to one half their sum



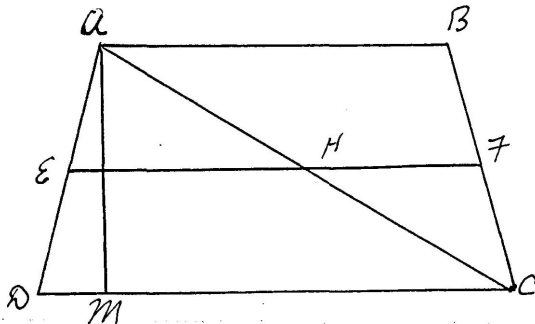
Given our trapezoid ABCD with EF the median.

To prove  $EF = \frac{1}{2}(AB + DC)$  and parallel to AB and CD. Draw AC, and AL parallel to BC.  $AL = BC$ ,  $\frac{AK}{KL} = \frac{FC}{BF}$ ,  $\therefore AK = KL$  and EF bisects AD and AL of  $\triangle ADL$  and is therefore parallel to DL.

But if EF is parallel to DC, it bisects AC of  $\triangle ADC$ , therefore  $EH = \frac{1}{2}DC$ . In like manner  $FH = \frac{1}{2}AB$ .  $\therefore EH + HF = \frac{1}{2}(AB + CD)$

Q.E.D.

Theorem VI. The area of a trapezoid equals the product of the median and the distance between the parallel sides.



Given the trapezoid ABCD with EF the median and AM the distance between the parallel sides AB and CD.

To prove: Area of ABCD = EF . AM.

Proof:  $EF = \frac{1}{2}(AB + DC)$

Area of ABCD = area of ( $\triangle ADC + \triangle ABC$ )

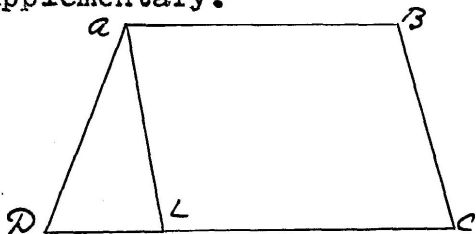
Area of  $\triangle ADC = \frac{1}{2} AM . DC$

Area of  $\triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} AM . AB$

Area of ABCD = area of ( $\triangle ADC + \triangle ABC$ ) =  $\frac{1}{2} AM(AB + DC)$  AM.EF

Q.E.D.

Theorem VII. In an isosceles trapezoid the angles at each base are equal and the opposite angles are supplementary.



Let ABCD be an isosceles trapezoid.

To prove  $\angle A = \angle B$ ,  $\angle C = \angle D$

and  $\angle A + \angle C = \angle B + \angle D = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle\text{s.}$

Proof: Draw through A a line parallel to BC meeting CD in L.

$\triangle ALD$  is an isosceles triangle, and  $\angle ALD = \angle ADC$ .

But  $\angle ADC + \angle DAB = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle$ , since AB and CD are parallel

and  $\angle ALD = \angle BCD$ . Substituting equals  $\angle BCD + \angle DAB = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle$ .

In same manner  $\angle ABC + \angle ADC = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle\text{s.}$

But since  $\angle BCD = \angle ALD = \angle ADC$  and  $\angle BCD + \angle DAB = \angle ABC + \angle ADC$

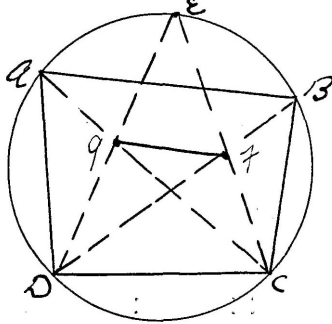
Subtracting  $\angle BCD = \angle ADC$

$$\angle DAB = \angle ABC$$

Q.E.D.

## SECTION VI

**Theorem I.** If ABCD is a quadrangle inscribed in a circle the straight lines CE, DE which bisect the angles ACB and ADB cut BD and AC at F and G respectively. Show that  $EF : EG = ED : EC$



To prove  $EF : EG :: ED : CE$

**Proof:** In  $\Delta$ s DFE and CGE,  $\angle EDB = \angle ACE$  and  $\angle GEF$  is common.  $\therefore EF : EG = ED : CE$

Q.E.D.

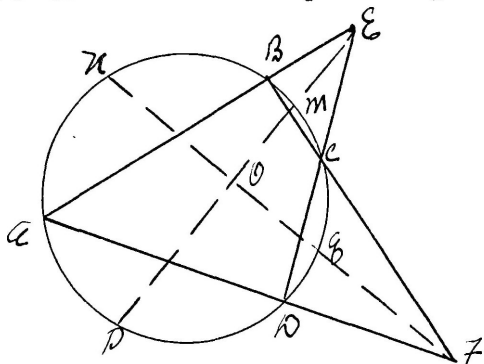
**Theorem II.** In a quadrangle ABCD if AD is the longest side and BC is the shortest,  $\angle ABC > \angle ADC$  and  $\angle BCD > \angle BAD$ .

Revolve ADC on AC as an axis. Then  $\Delta$  ADC will include ABC as  $AD > AB$  and  $DC > BC$ .  $\therefore \angle D > \angle B$ . In same way  $\angle C$  may be proved  $> \angle A$ .

Q.E.D.



Theorem III. The bisectors EP, FN of the angles formed by the intersection of the opposite sides of an inscribed quadrangle ABCD are perpendicular.



To prove: EP perpendicular to FN, where EP bisects  $\angle AED$  and FN bisects  $\angle AFB$ .

Proof: Arc PA - arc BM = arc DP - arc MC.

Arc AN - arc DQ = arc NB - arc CQ.

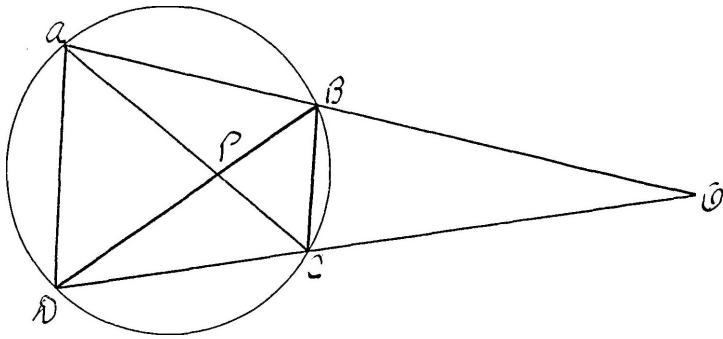
$\therefore$  arc Pa + arc AN - arc BM - arc DQ = arc DP + arc NB - arc MC - arc CQ or arc PN - arc BM - arc DQ = arc DP arc NB - arc MQ.

$\therefore$  arc PN + arc MQ = arc NM + arc PQ and  $\frac{1}{2} \angle NOP = \angle NOM$

But since  $\angle NOP + \angle NOM$  were measured by half the circumference,  $\angle NOP = 90^\circ$  and EP is perpendicular to FN.

Q.E.D.

Theorem IV. If ABCD is a quadrangle inscribed in a circle and the sides AB, CD when produced meet at O. Show that  $\angle AOC$  and  $\angle BOD$  are equiangular.

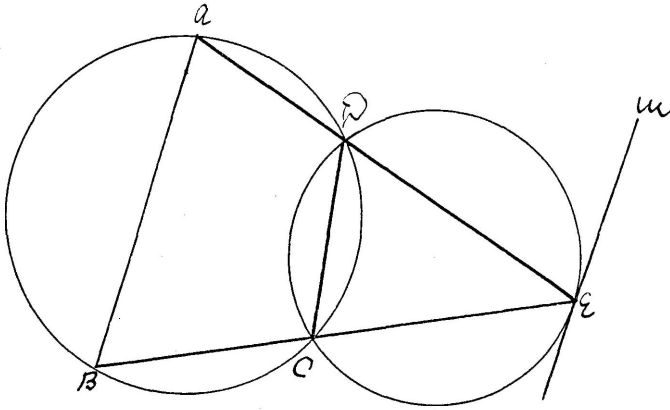


To prove  $\angle AOC$  and  $\angle BOD$  equiangular.  
 Proof  $\angle O$  is common,  $\angle OAC = \angle OBD$ .  
 $\therefore \angle AOC$  and  $\angle BOD$  are equiangular.

Q.E.D.

Theorem V. A quadrangle which can have one circle inscribed in it and another circumscribed about it, show that the straight lines joining the opposite points of contact of the inscribed circle are perpendicular to each other. Let ABCD be the quadrangle.

Theorem VI. A quadrangle ABCD is inscribed in a circle and AD, BC are produced to meet E. Show that the circle described about the triangle ECD will have the tangent at E parallel to AB.



To prove ME parallel to AB.

Proof:  $\angle A = \angle DCE$ .

But  $\angle DCE = \angle MED$

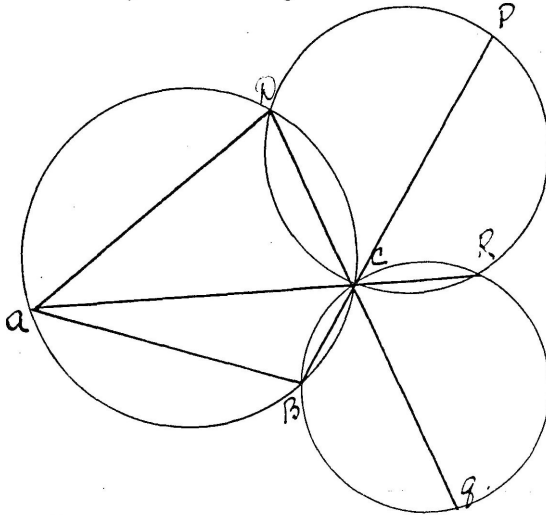
$\therefore \angle MED = \angle A$  and ME is parallel to AB.

Q.E.D.

Theorem . The sum of the opposite sides of a quadrangle circumscribed about a circle is equal to the sum of the other pair.

Theorem . The four sides of any quadrangle are together greater than the sum of the two diagonals.

Theorem VII. The opposite sides of an inscribed quadrangle meet at P, and Q and about the triangles so formed without the quadrangle circles are described meeting again at R. Show that P, R and Q are on a straight line.



To prove. PRQ is a straight line.

Proof:  $\angle ADC + \angle ABC = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s.$

$\angle ADC + \angle PBQ = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s.$

$\angle ABC + \angle QDP = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s.$

$\angle PDQ + \angle CRQ = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s. \quad \angle QDP + \angle CRP = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s.$

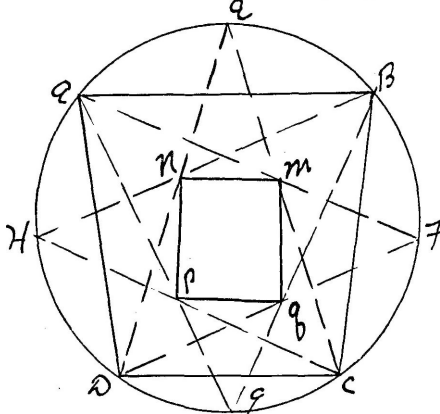
$\therefore \angle PBQ + \angle CRQ + \angle QDP + \angle CRP = 4 \text{ rt. } \angle s. = \angle ABC +$

$\angle ADC + \angle PBQ + \angle QDP. \quad \therefore \angle CRQ + \angle CRP = \angle ABC + \angle ADC =$   
 $2 \text{ rt. } \angle s.$

$\therefore$  PRQ is a straight line.

Q.E.D.

Theorem VIII. If ABCD is an inscribed quadrangle the centers M, N, P, and Q of the circles inscribed in the triangles ABC, ABD, ACD, BCD are the vertices of a rectangle .



Given ABCD as an inscribed quadrangle with E, F, G, and H the points where the arcs AB, BC, CD and DA are bisected, and N, M, Q and P the centers of circles inscribed in  $\Delta$ s ABD, ABC, BCD and CDA respectively.

To prove: MNPQ a rectangle.

Proof:  $\angle EIF$  is measured by  $1/2$  ( arc EB + arc BF + arc AD + arc DH ) =  $1/4$  ( arc AEB + arc BFC + arc CQD + arc DHA ) =  $1/4$  circ.

$\therefore$  EG is perpendicular to HF.

Now E is the center and NE is the radius of a circle upon the line joining the incenter of ABD

to the ex-center of the circle tangent to AB, as a diameter. This circle will pass through A, N, and B.

Considering the triangle ABC, the circle with center at E and radius ME will pass through A, B, and M. Therefore  $NE = ME$ .

But EG bisects  $\angle DEC$ .

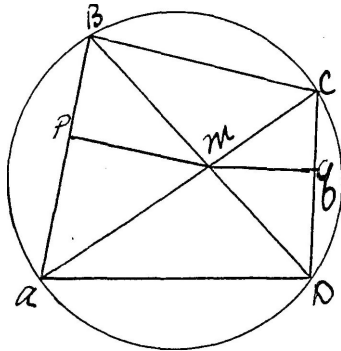
And EG must be perpendicular to MN.

In the same way FH can be proven perpendicular to MQ and NP.

But EG has been proven  $\perp$  to FH.

$\therefore$  MNPQ must be a rectangle.

Theorem IX. In all inscribed quadrangles, ABCD the distance MP, MQ from the point of intersection of the sides AC and BD to the opposite sides AB, CD are proportional to these sides.



Given MP the  $\perp$  on CD from M and MP the  $\perp$  on BA from M.

To prove:  $\frac{MP}{MQ} = \frac{AB}{CD}$

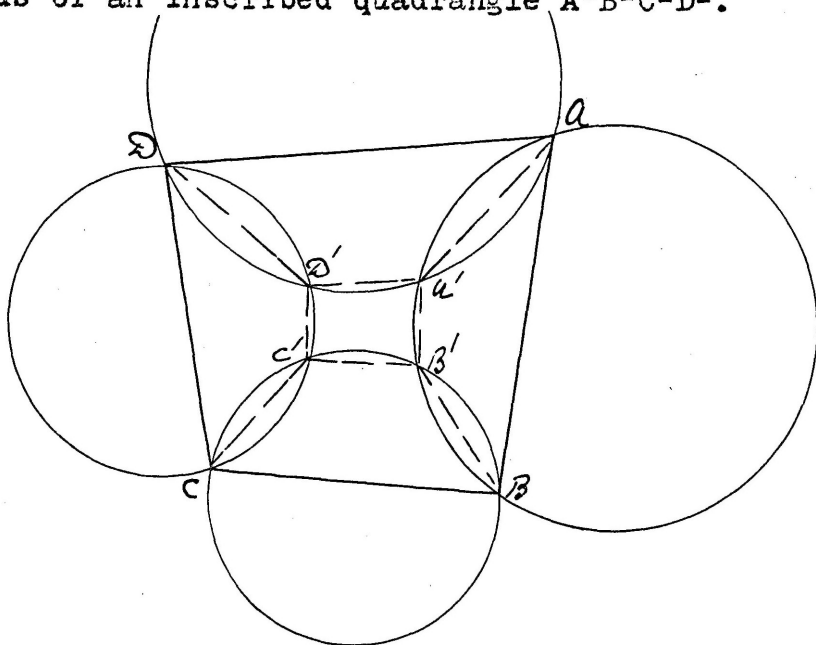
Proof: In the  $\Delta$ s AMB and CMD  $\angle BAC = \angle BDC$ ,  
 $\angle BMA = \angle CMD$ .

Therefore  $\Delta$  AMB is similar to  $\Delta$  CMD and

$$\frac{MP}{MQ} = \frac{AB}{CD}$$

Q.E.D.

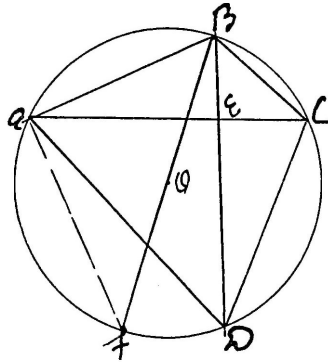
Theorem X. The circumferences which have for chords the sides of a quadrangle ABCD inscribed in a circle, give by their new intersections the locus of an inscribed quadrangle A<sup>I</sup>B<sup>I</sup>C<sup>I</sup>D<sup>I</sup>.



To prove: The sum of the angles about C  
are  $\angle D^I C^I B^I + \angle B^I C^I A^I + \angle D^I C^I A^I = 4 \text{ rt. } \angle s$   
But  $\angle B^I C^I A^I + \angle B^I C^I B = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s$   
and  $\angle D^I C^I A^I + \angle D^I C^I B = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s$ .  
Therefore  $\angle D^I C^I B^I = \angle B^I C^I B + \angle D^I C^I B$ . In the same  
way one can prove  $\angle D^I A^I B^I = \angle B^I A^I B + \angle D^I A^I B$ . Add-  
ing one obtains  $\angle D^I C^I B^I + \angle D^I A^I B^I = \angle CBA + \angle CDA = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s$   
Q.E.D.



Theorem XI. In all quadrangles inscribed in a circle whose sides AC and BD are perpendicular the sum of the squares on the opposite sides is equivalent to the square on the diameter.



Given  $AC \perp BD$  and ABCD inscribed in circle O.

To prove:  $\overline{AB}^2 + \overline{CD}^2 = \overline{BF}^2$

Proof: Since  $\angle BEC = \text{rt. } \angle$ , arc BC + arc AD = semicircumference.

Draw the diameter BF. Since  $\angle BAF = \text{rt. } \angle$  arc AF = arc DC and  $AF = DC$ .

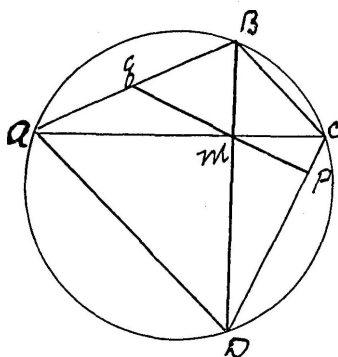
$$\text{But } \overline{AB}^2 + \overline{AF}^2 = \overline{BF}^2$$

$$\therefore \overline{AB}^2 + \overline{DC}^2 = \overline{BF}^2$$

Q.E.D.

Corollary- In all quadrangles inscribed in a circle, and whose sides AC and BD intersect at  $\text{rt. } \angle$ s, the sum of the squares of the sides equal to eight times the square of the radius.

Theorem XII. In all inscribed quadrangles having the two sides AC and BD perpendicular, the perpendicular MP to one of the sides CD through the point of intersection of AC and BD, passes through the middle point of the opposite side.



Given  $AC \perp$  to  $BD$  and  $PQ \perp$  to  $CD$  through  $M$ .

To prove  $QP$  bisects  $AB$ .

Proof:  $\angle ACD$  is the complement of  $\angle CMP$  and therefore of its equal  $\angle AMQ$ .

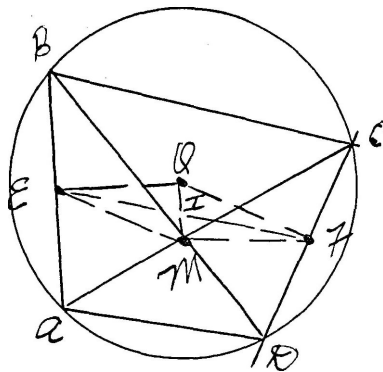
Therefore  $\angle ACD = \angle BMQ$ . But  $\angle ACD = \angle ABD$ .

$\therefore \angle BMQ = \angle ABD$  and  $QM = QB$ .

But  $\triangle MAB$  is a right  $\triangle$  and  $QA = QM$ .

$\therefore QA = QB$ .

Theorem XIII. In an inscribed quadrangle ABCD whose sides AC and BD intersect at right angles, the distance OE to the center from the sides AB, equals the half of the opposite side.



Let M be the intersection of AC and BD  
And OE be drawn  $\perp$  to AB.

To prove  $OE = \frac{1}{2} CD$ .

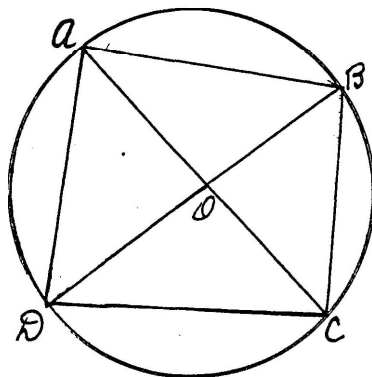
Proof: OE is parallel to the line which joins M to the middle point F. For the same reason OF is parallel to ME.

$\therefore$  MEMF is a parallelogram, and EO = MF. But  $\angle CMD$  is a rt.  $\angle$  and F is the midpoint.

$\therefore$   $MF = \frac{1}{2} CD$ .

Q.E.D.

Theorem XIV. The sides AC and BD, of the quadrangle ABCD inscribed in a circle, are to each other as the sum of the products of the sides which intersect at their extremities.



Let ABCD be one quadrangle with AC and BD intersecting at O.

$$\text{To prove } \frac{AC}{AB \cdot AD + BC \cdot CD} = \frac{BD}{AB \cdot BC + CD \cdot AD}$$

Proof: OAD and BOC are similar.

$$\frac{OA}{OB} = \frac{AD}{BC} = \frac{OD}{OC} \text{ and we can write}$$

$$\frac{OA}{AB \cdot AD} = \frac{OB}{AB \cdot BC} \quad \frac{OC}{BC \cdot CD} = \frac{OD}{AD \cdot CD}$$

In the same way OAB and OCD are similar and

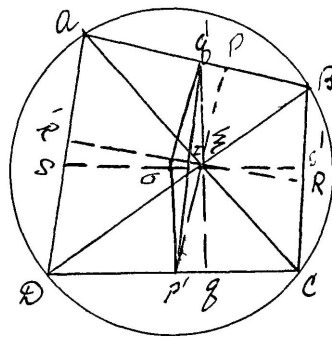
$$\frac{OA}{OD} = \frac{AB}{CD} \text{ or } \frac{OA}{AB \cdot AD} = \frac{OD}{AD \cdot CD}$$

$\therefore \frac{OA}{AB \cdot AD} = \frac{OB}{AB \cdot BC} = \frac{OC}{BC \cdot CD} = \frac{OD}{CD \cdot AD}$  adding the third and first and second and fourth

$$\frac{AC}{AB \cdot AD + BC \cdot CD} = \frac{BD}{AB \cdot BC + CD \cdot AD}$$

Q.E.D.

Theorem XV. If the quadrangle ABCD be turned about the fixed point M in such a manner that the sides AC, BD, intersecting at right angles, always cross at the point M: The mid point of AB, of BC, of CD, and of AD describe a circumference having its center at a point I of MO; Each median as EF is a diameter of this circumference; the radius R of this, is given by the formula  $4R^2 = 2R^2 - \overline{MO}^2$



To prove:  $IQ' = IP' = IR' = IS' = I/2 \sqrt{2R^2 - \overline{MO}^2}$

Proof: Let  $AB = a$   $CD = c$  Then  $2R = \sqrt{a^2 + c^2}$  But  $\overline{OQ}^2 + \overline{OQ'}^2 = 2\overline{OI}^2 + 2\overline{MI}^2$

We have proven  $OQ' = I/2 CD$  and  $OQ = I/2 AB$

Substituting in these values

$$I/4(\overline{CD}^2 + \overline{AB}^2) = I/2 \overline{OQ'}^2 + I/2 \overline{OQ}^2 = R^2 = I/2 \overline{Q'Q}^2 + I/2 \overline{MO}^2$$

$$\therefore \text{When } \overline{Q'Q}^2 = 4R^2 - \overline{MO}^2$$

But  $Q'Q$  is the diagonal of the parallelogram

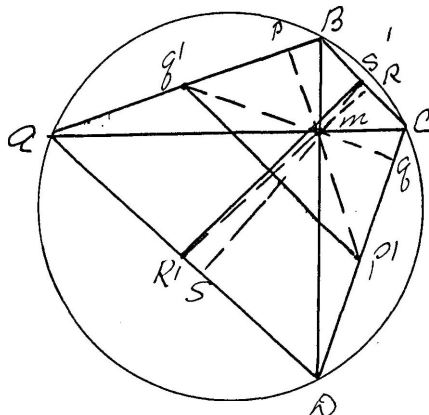
$QMQO$ , and therefore is bisected by  $MO$  and  $QI = Q'I$ .

In the same way  $R^I R^{I_2}$  can be proven equal to  $2R^2 - MO^2$  and therefore equal to  $Q^I Q$ . And  $R^I S^I$  is bisected in the parallelogram  $R^I MOS^I$  by  $MO$  at  $I$  and  $RI = IS$ .

$$\therefore R^I S^I = Q^I Q$$

$$\text{and } RI = IS = Q^I I = QI = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2R^2 - MO^2}$$

Theorem XVI. Let ABCD be a quadrangle in which the sides AC and BD intersect at right angles? If one projects on the sides the intersect M of AC and BD, and of one prolongs this line of projection until it meets the side opposite to the side perpendicular to this line: the eight points so obtained will lie on the same circumference; the center and radius of this circumference depend solely on the circumference ABCD and the point M.



To prove  $R^I$ ,  $S$ ,  $P^I$ ,  $Q$ ,  $S'R$ ,  $P$ , and  $Q^I$  lie on the same circumference. And that this circumference depends on circle ABCD and the point M.

Proof: Draw  $PMP^I \perp$  to AB and  $QMQ^I \perp$  to CD. By Brahmagupta's theorem the points  $P^I, Q^I$  are

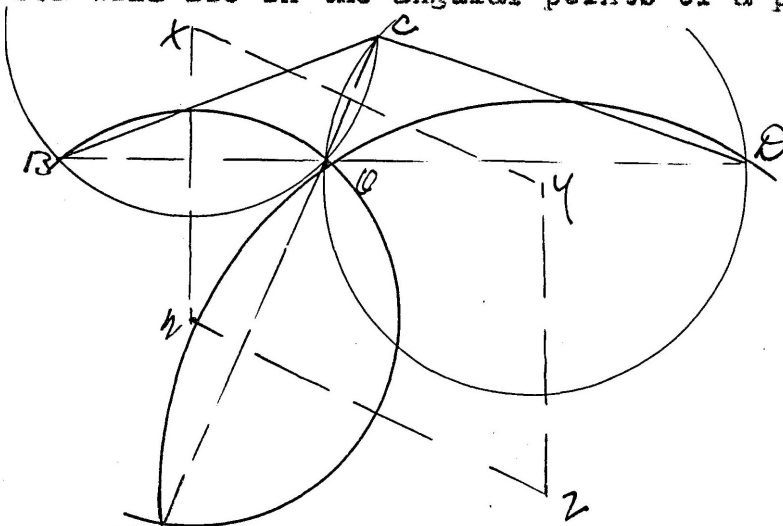
are the midpoints of  $CD$  and  $AB$  respectively.

The four points  $P, Q, P', Q'$  lie on the circumference described with the median  $P'Q'$  as a diameter.

Another diameter is the median  $R'S'$ , and the circumference  $PQP'Q'$  contains the four points  $R, S, R', S'$ .



Theorem XVII. The diagonals of a given quadrangle ABCD intersect at O show that the centers of circles described about the  $\Delta$ s AOB, AOD, OBC, OCD will lie in the angular points of a parallelogram.



To prove XYZW is a parallelogram.

Proof:  $\Delta XCO$  is isosceles triangle.

$\Delta YCO$  is isosceles triangle.

$\therefore XY$  is  $\perp$  to  $CO$ . In the same way  $WZ$  is  $\perp$  to  $CA$ .

$\therefore WZ$  and  $XY$  are parallel.

$\Delta XBO$  is isosceles triangle.

$\Delta BOW$  is isosceles triangle.

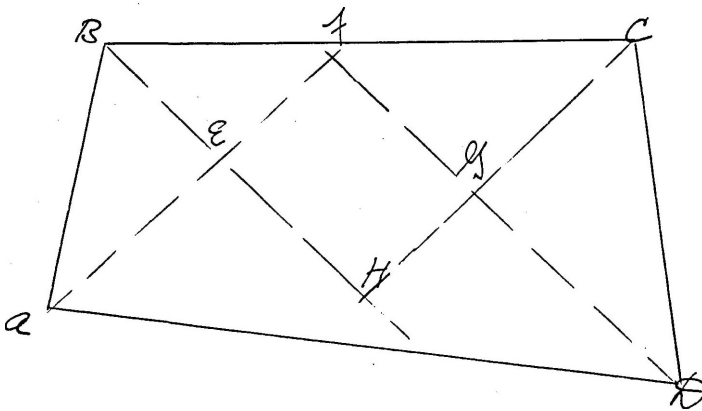
$\therefore XW$  is  $\perp$  to  $BO$ . And in the same way  $WZ$  is  $\perp$  to  $BD$ .

$\therefore XW$  and  $YZ$  are parallel and XYZW is a parallelogram.

Q.E.D.

Theorem XVIII. If a quadrangle be bisected by one diagonal, the second diagonal is bisected by the first.

Theorem . To prove that the four lines bisecting the angles of a quadrangle form a quadrangle which may be inscribed in a circle.



To prove EFGH may be inscribed.

Proof:  $\angle A + \angle B + \angle C + \angle D = 4 \text{ rt. } \angle s.$

$\frac{1}{2}(\angle A + \angle B + \angle C + \angle D) = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s.$

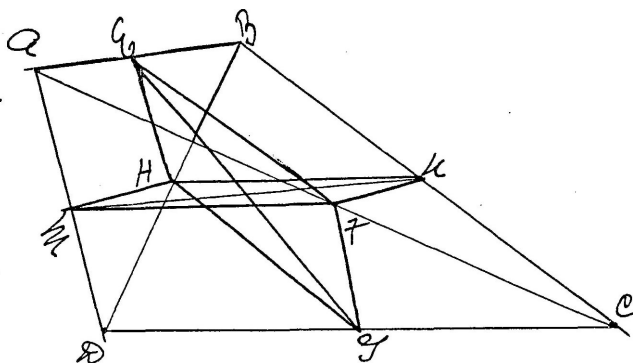
But in  $\triangle ABE$  and  $\triangle GCD$

$\frac{1}{2}(\angle A + \angle B + \angle C + \angle D) = \angle BEA + \angle CGD = 4 \text{ rt. } \angle s.$

(I)  $\therefore \angle BEA + \angle CGD = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s.$

In the same way it may be proved that  $\angle BHC + \angle AFD = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s.$  Substitute in (I) the equal angles,  $\angle FEH + \angle FGH = 2 \text{ rt. } \angle s.$  And EFGH may be inscribed.

Theorem XIX. Construct a quadrangle having given the length of the four sides AB, BC, CD and AD and one of the lines which join the middle points of the opposite sides.



Let ABCD be the desired quadrangle in which independent of the sides, EG is given which passes through the middle points of AB and CD.

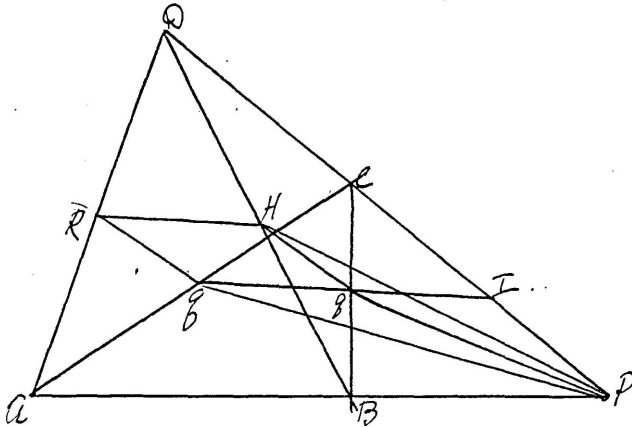
To construct ABCD. EFGH is a parallelogram, since EF and HG are parallel to BC and equal to half BC. Likewise EH and FG are parallel and equal to half of AD. Therefore given the length of AD and BC and the length EG, EFGH may be constructed.

In the same manner MHNG may be constructed.

But through the points M, E, N, and G, lines may be drawn parallel to FG, MH, HG and MF.

ABCD is therefore the desired quadrangle.

Theorem XX. If the opposite sides AB, CD of a quadrangle meet in P and if G, H be the middle points of the sides AC and BD the triangle PGH equals the quadrangle ABCD.



Let ABCD be one quadrangle, H the midpoint of BD, G of AC, and R and Q of AD and BC respectively.

To prove  $\triangle PQH = \frac{1}{4} \text{ABCD}$ .

Proof: Draw QH, QQ, QP, RH, and RQ.

Now since QG is parallel to AB if produced it will bisect PC. Joining the vertices of the  $\triangle$ s CGQ, PGQ on the same base GQ but on opposite sides, since CP is bisected by GQ,  $\angle PGQ = \angle CGQ = \frac{1}{4} \text{ABC}$ .

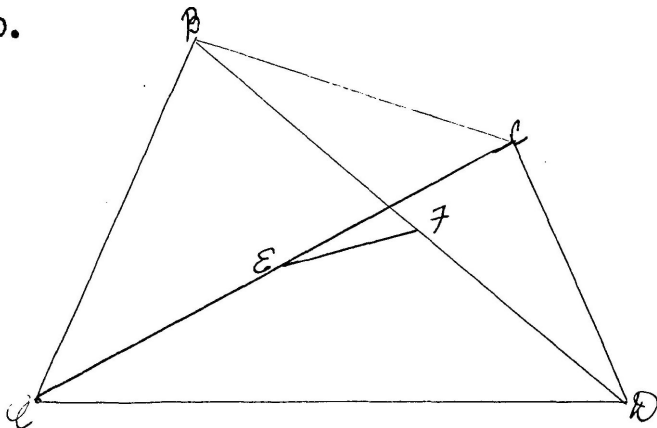
In the same way  $\angle PHQ = \frac{1}{4} \text{BCD}$ . The parallelogram GQHR  $\frac{1}{2}(\text{ABD} - \text{ABC})$

$\therefore \triangle QGH = \frac{1}{4} \text{ABD} - \frac{1}{4} \text{ABC}$ : hence  $\triangle PGH =$

$\frac{1}{4}(\text{ABC} + \text{BCD} + \text{ABD} - \text{ABC}) = \frac{1}{4} \text{ABCD}$ .

Q.E.D.

Theorem XXI. The sum of the squares of the sides AB, BC, CD, and AD, of a quadrangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides AC and BD plus four times the square of the line joining the middle points of AC, to BD.



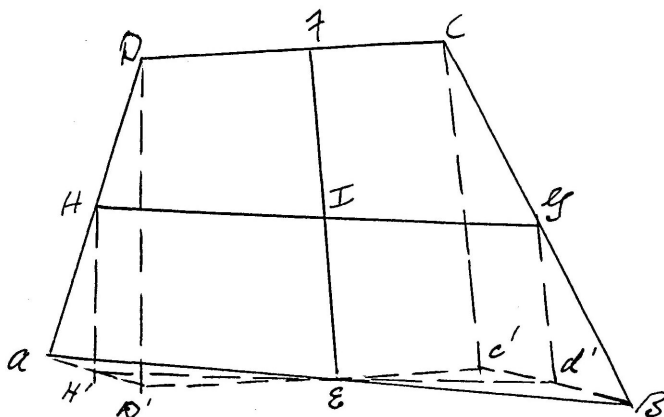
Let ABCD be the quadrangle, E the middle point of AC and F of BD.

To prove  $\overline{AB}^2 + \overline{BC}^2 + \overline{CD}^2 + \overline{AD}^2 = \overline{AC}^2 + \overline{BD}^2 + 4\overline{EF}^2$

Proof: In  $\triangle ABD$   $\overline{AB}^2 + \overline{AD}^2 = 2\overline{AF}^2 + 2\overline{FB}^2$ . In  $\triangle BCD$   
 $\overline{BC}^2 + \overline{CD}^2 = 2\overline{CF}^2 + 2\overline{FB}^2$ .  $\therefore \overline{AB}^2 + \overline{BC}^2 + \overline{CD}^2 + \overline{DA}^2 = 2(\overline{AF}^2 + \overline{CF}^2 + 4\overline{FB}^2)$   
 $4\overline{FB}^2 = 4\overline{AE}^2 + 4\overline{EF}^2 + 4\overline{FB}^2 = \overline{AC}^2 + \overline{BD}^2 + 4\overline{EF}^2$

Q.E.D.

Theorem XXII. If a straight line EF divides proportionally two of the opposite sides of a quadrangle and if a second line GH divides the other two sides proportionally, each of these lines is divided by the other in the same ratio as the sides which determine them.



Given the quadrangle ABCD with the lines FE and HG so drawn that  $\frac{AE}{BE} = \frac{DF}{CF}$  and  $\frac{AH}{HD} = \frac{BG}{CG}$

To prove:  $\frac{IE}{IF} = \frac{AH}{DH} = \frac{BG}{CG}$  and  $\frac{IH}{IG} = \frac{AE}{BE} = \frac{DE}{CE}$

Proof: Draw  $CD'$  through E parallel to DC and  $DD'$ ,  $HH'$ ,  $CC'$ ,  $GG'$  parallel to EF.

By hypothesis  $\frac{AE}{EB} = \frac{DF}{CF}$  But  $DF = D'E$  and  $CF = C'E$

and  $\frac{AE}{EB} = \frac{D'E}{C'E}$ . In the ~~triangles~~  $\triangle AED'$ ,  $\triangle BEC'$ .  $\angle AED' = \angle BEC'$   $\therefore AD'$ ,  $BC'$  are parallel. We have also

by hypothesis  $\frac{AH}{BG} = \frac{DH}{CG}$  or  $\frac{AH'}{BG'} = \frac{D'H'}{C'G'}$  and since

A'D' and BC' are parallel, H' EG' are on a straight line and  $\frac{EH'}{EG'} = \frac{AE'}{BE'}$

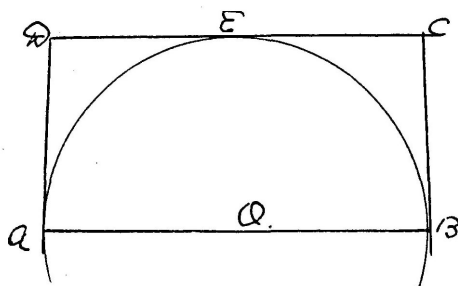
But HGH'G' is a parallelogram.

$$\frac{IH}{IG} = \frac{EH}{EG'} = \frac{AE}{BE} = \frac{DE}{CF}$$

In like manner

$$\frac{IE}{IF} = \frac{AH}{DH} = \frac{BG}{CG}.$$

Theorem XXIII. A quadrangle is bounded by the diameter of a circle, the tangents at its extremities and a third tangent. Show that its area is equal to half that of the rectangle contained by the diameter and the side opposite to it.



To prove  $ABCD = AB \cdot \frac{CD}{2}$

Proof: If area of  $ABCD = \frac{AB \cdot CD}{2} = AB \left( \frac{AD + CB}{2} \right) = AB \cdot OE$

But area of  $ABCD$  does  $AB \cdot OE$

$\therefore$  Area of  $ABCD = AB \cdot \frac{CD}{2}$

Problem. Calculate the diagonals  $x, y$  of an inscribed quadrangle in terms of its sides,  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$ .

We have proved  $xy = ac + bd$ , and also  $\frac{x}{y} = \frac{ad + bc}{ab + cd}$

$\therefore x^2 = (ac + bd) \frac{(ad + bc)}{ab + cd}$        $y^2 = (ac + bd) \frac{(ab + cd)}{ad + bc}$



The theorems on the complete quadrangle will be classified as follows:-

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Section VIII. Polar properties.

Section IX. Involutoric Properties.

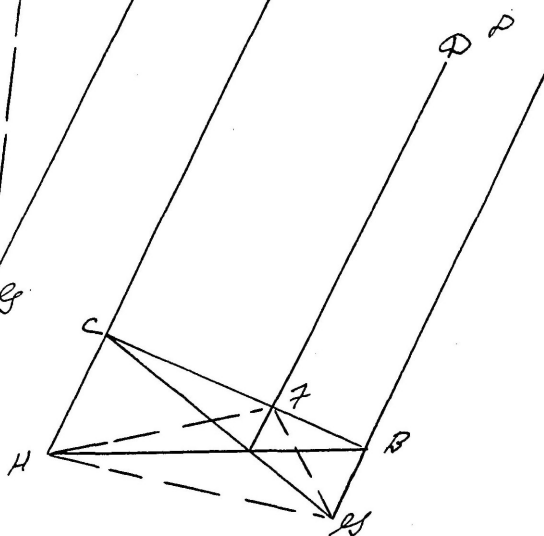
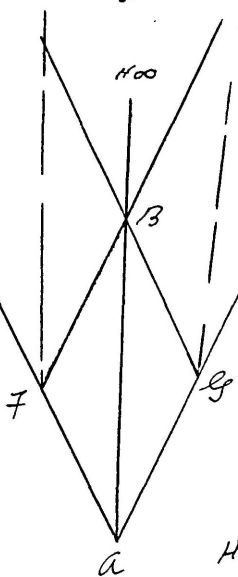
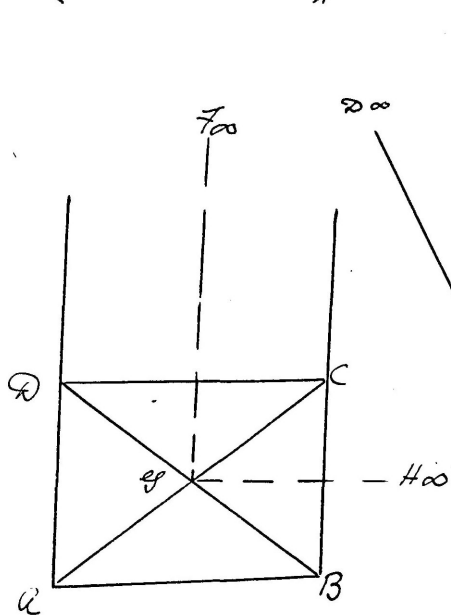
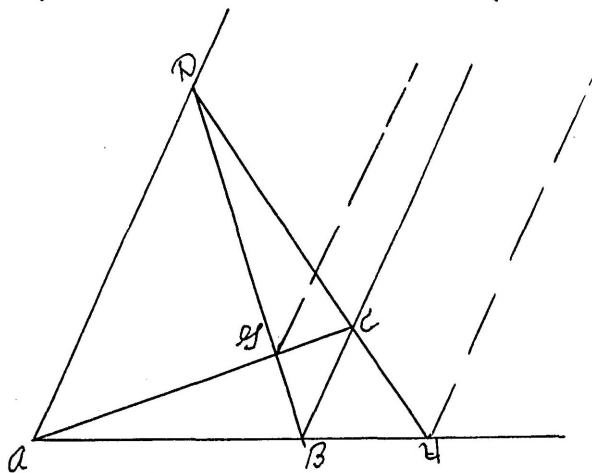
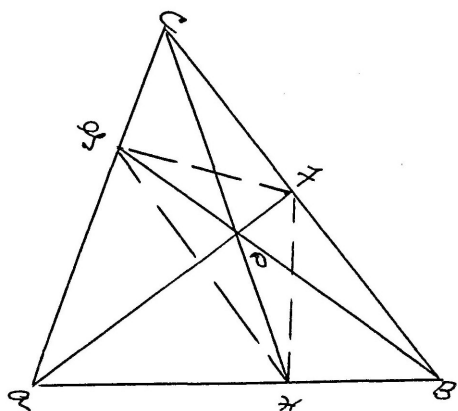
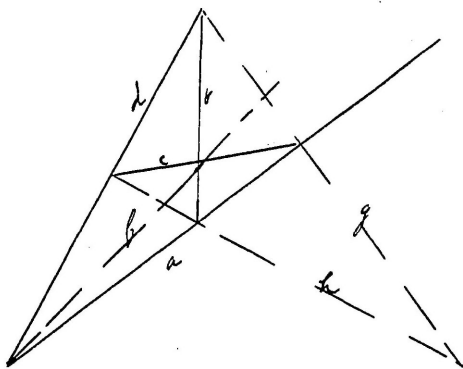
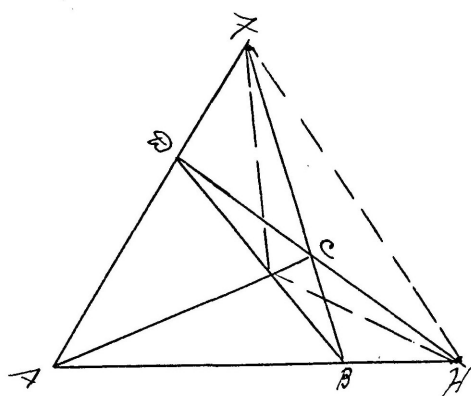
Section X. Quadrangle inscribed in a conic.

Section XI. Quadrangle circumscribed to a conic.

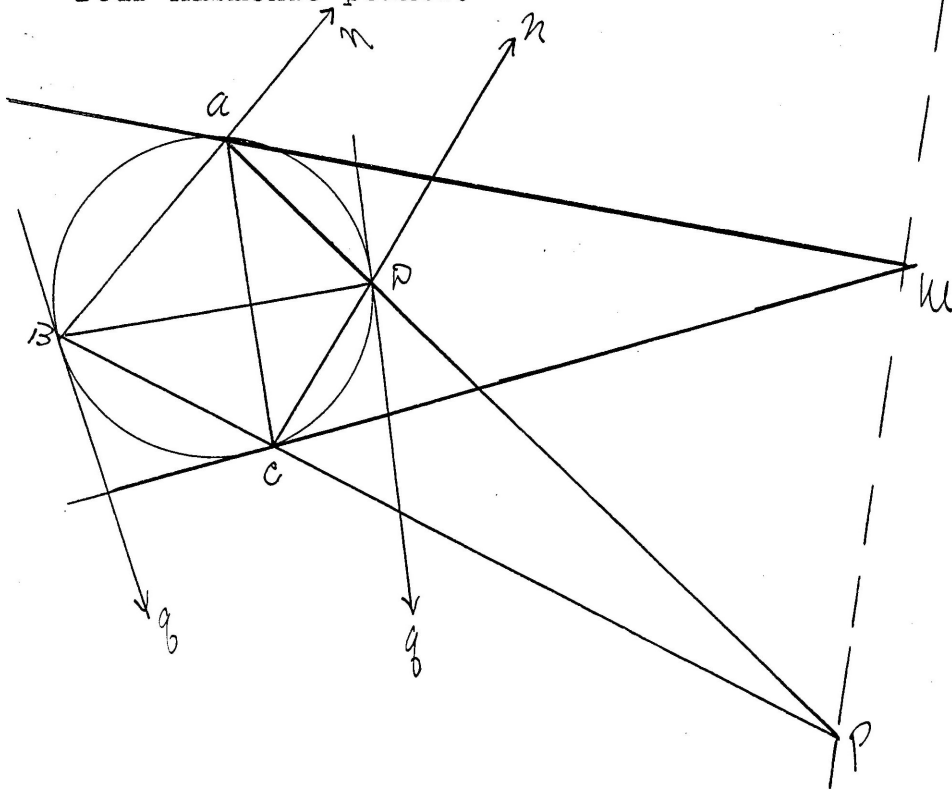
Section XII. Miscellaneous theorems.

By a quadrangle circumscribed to a conic will be meant one which has four of its six sides tangents to a conic.

# Different forms of a complete quadrangle.



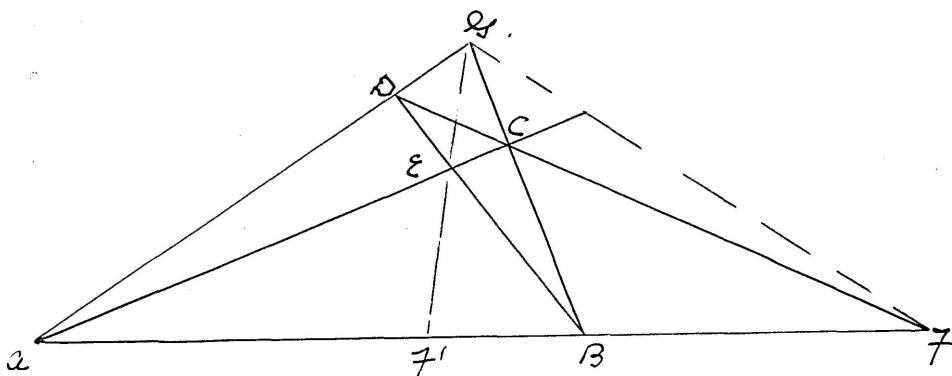
Theorem I. In every inscribed quadrangle the intersection of the opposite sides are the tangents at the opposite vertices are four harmonic points.



To prove M, N, P, and Q four harmonic points.

Proof: The three diagonal points of ABCD are NPR; NP is the polar of R and the tangents through A and C must intersect in M on NQ and also must tangents from B and D. But R(APNP) is a harmonic pencil and therefore N P M Q are four harmonic points. Q.E.D.

Theorem II. Any two vertices of a complete quadrangle are divided harmonically by the diagonal point lying on their junction line and the point in which their junction line is cut by the line joining the other two diagonal points.



Let ABCD be the quadrangle, EFG the diagonal triangle.

To prove:  $(FF', AB)$  is a harmonic range.

Proof: Since AC, BD and GE are concurrent,

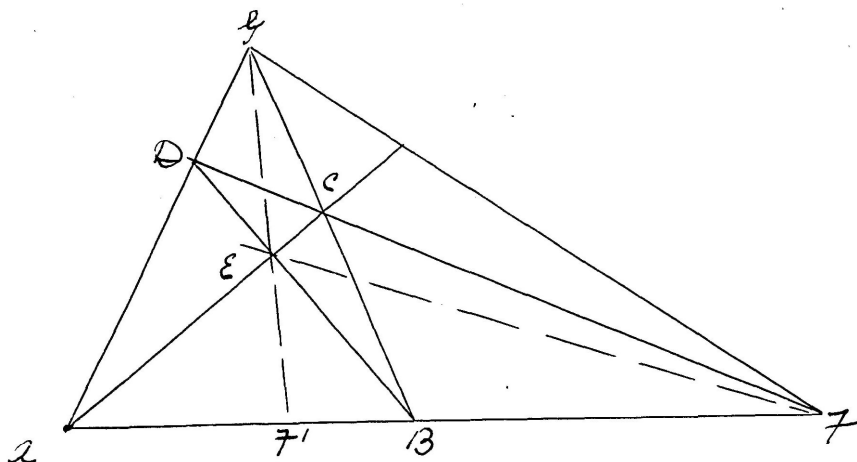
$$\frac{AF'}{F'B} \cdot \frac{BC}{CG} \cdot \frac{GD}{DA} = 1$$

Also since FCD is a transversal of triangle GAB

$$\frac{AF}{BF} \cdot \frac{BC}{GC} \cdot \frac{GD}{AD} = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{AF'}{F'B} = \frac{AF}{BF} \quad \therefore (FF', AB) \text{ is a harmonic range}$$

Theorem III. Any two sides of a complete quadrangle are divided harmonically by the diagonal line which passes through their intersection and the line joining their intersection to the remaining two diagonal point.



To prove that AD, BC are harmonic conjugates with respect to GE, and GF.

Proof: Since AC, BD and GE are concurrent we have  $\frac{AF'}{BF} \cdot \frac{BC}{GC} \cdot \frac{GD}{DA} = 1$  and since FCD is a

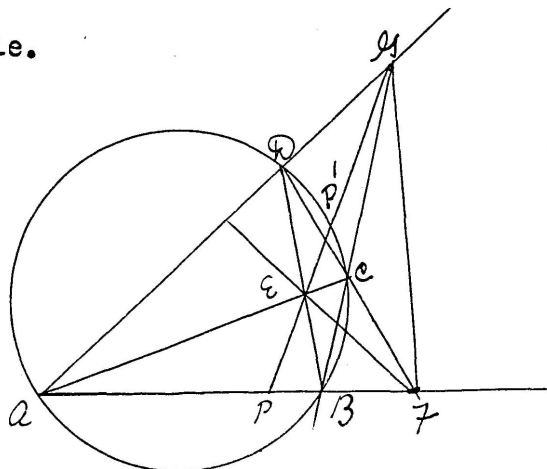
transversal of the triangle GAB,  $\frac{AF}{BF} \cdot \frac{BC}{GC} \cdot \frac{GD}{AD} = 1$

$$\therefore \frac{AF'}{F'B} = \frac{AF}{BF}$$

That is (FF'AB) is a harmonic range.  $\therefore G(EF, AB)$  is a harmonic pencil and AD, BC are harmonic conjugates with respect to GE, and GF.

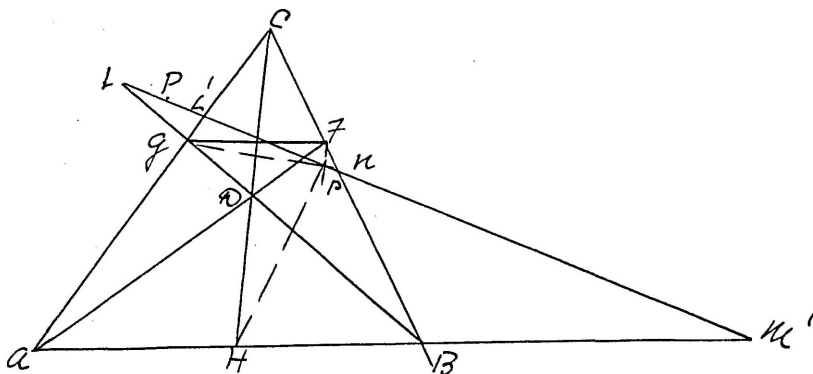
Q.E.D.

Theorem I. The centers of any quadrangle inscribed in a circle form a self conjugate triangle.



Let ABCD be any quadrangle inscribed in a circle and let E, F, G, be its centers. Then if AB, CD cut GE in P and P' it follows that (AB, PF) and (CD, P'F) are harmonic.  
 ∴ GE is the polar of the point F. Similarly EF, FG are the polars of G and E respectively.  
 ∴ EFG is a self conjugate triangle with respect to the circle.

Theorem II. In a plane the polar of a point  $P'$  with respect to the three pairs of opposite sides of a complete quadrangle passes through the same points.



Let  $AB, CD$  intersect in  $H$ .

$AC, DB$  intersect in  $Q$  and

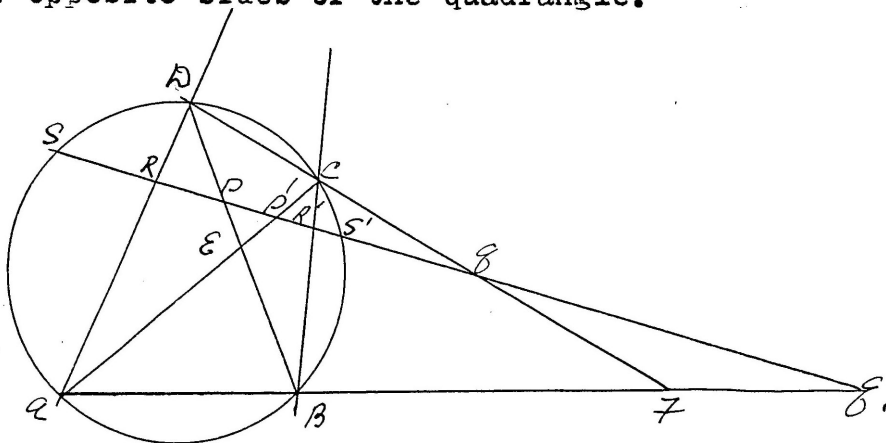
$AD, BC$  intersect in  $F$ .

Indicate by  $P'$  the point common to the polars,  $L, M$  of  $P$  respectively to the pairs of opposite sides of  $ABCD$  concurrent in  $F$  and  $G$ . The points  $P$  and  $P'$  divide harmonically the two pair of points  $L, L', M, M'$  determined by the line  $PP'$  with the pairs of opposite sides which pass through  $F$  and  $G$  and therefore are the double points of the involution  $LL', MM'$ . But  $NN'$  is also a pair of this involution of which also points  $NN'$  are divided harmonically by  $P, P'$

and at the same time the polar  $u$  of  $P$   
with respect to the pair of opposite sides  
concurrent in  $H$  passes through  $P'$ .



Theorem I. If a quadrangle be inscribed in a circle any straight line will be cut in involution by the circle and the three pairs of opposite sides of the quadrangle.



Let ABCD be a quadrangle inscribed in a conic and let any straight line cutting the sides AC, BD in P and P', sides CD, AB in Q and Q'; the sides AD, BC in R and R', and the circle in S and S'.

To prove: (PP', QQ', RR', SS') will be in involution.

Proof: Let AC and BD intersect at E. Then since the  $\angle PAR = \angle R'BP'$   $\frac{RP}{AR} \sin RPA = \frac{P'R'}{BR'} \sin BP'R'$

$$\therefore \frac{AR}{RP} \cdot \frac{P'R'}{BR'} \cdot \frac{PE}{EP'} = 1 \quad \text{Similarly}$$

$$\angle RPP' = \angle PCR' \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{RD}{RP'} \cdot \frac{PR'}{R'C} \cdot \frac{EP'}{EP} = 1$$

Hence  $AR \cdot RD \cdot BR' \cdot R'C = RP \cdot RP' \cdot PR' \cdot P'R'$

But since  $ARD$ ,  $SRS'$  are chords of the circle

$$AR \cdot RD = SR \cdot RS' \quad \text{and similarly}$$

$$BR' \cdot R'C = SR' \cdot R'S'.$$

$$\therefore SR \cdot RS' : SR' \cdot R'S' = RP \cdot RP' : PR' \cdot P'R'$$

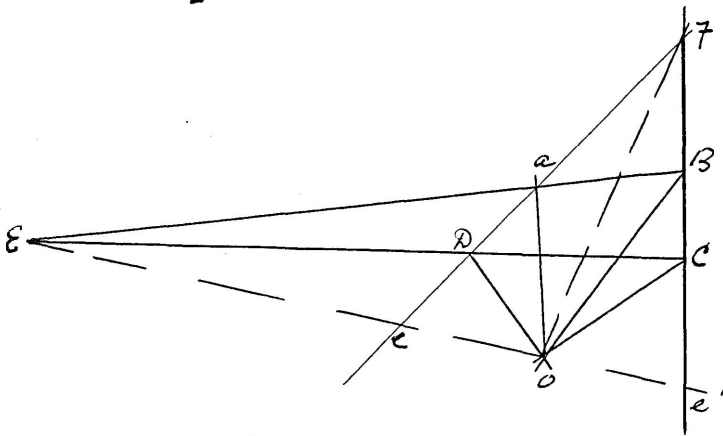
Hence  $(SS', PP', RR')$  are pairs in involution.

Similarly it may be proved,

$(SS', QQ', RR')$  is in involution

Consequently  $(SS', PP', QQ', RR')$  is in involution.

Theorem II. The sixlines taken from a point to the four vertices of a quadrangle and to the points of intersection of the opposite sides form a pencil in involution.



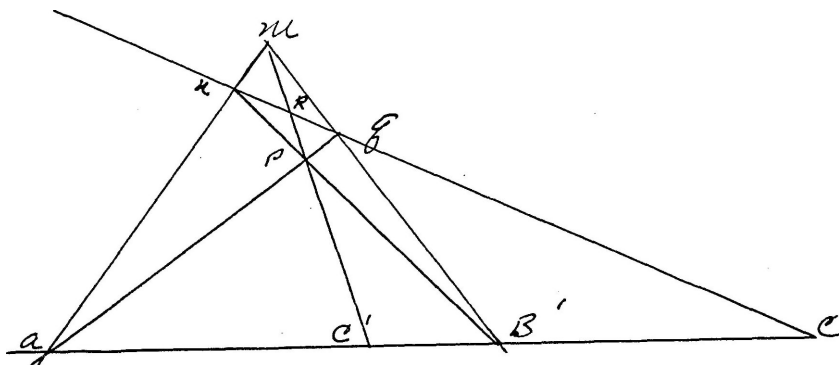
Let ABCD be the quadrangle. O be any point, let EO cut FD at E and FC at  $e'$ .

To prove  $O(AC, BD, EF)$  is a pencil in involution.

Proof: A, D, e, F and B, C,  $e'$ , F are two ranges whose cross ratios are equal since the three lines AB, DC,  $ee'$  meet in point E. It follows that the cross ratios of the four lines OA, OD, OE, OF, equals the cross ratio of the lines OC, OB, OF, OE in such a way that the four lines OA, OD, OE, OF correspond respectively to the four lines OC, OB, OF, OE. Then one has three systems of conjugate lines OA, OC',

OD, OB', and OE, OF which are such that the four lines pertaining to the three systems have their anharmonic ratio equal and their four lines conjugate. Therefore the six lines form an involution.

Theorem III. Three pairs of opposite sides of a complete quadrangle are cut by a transversal not passing through any vertex in three pairs of points belonging to one and the same involution.



To prove  $(AA', BB', CC')$  are in involution.

Proof:  $MPRC' \overset{K}{\sim} ABCC'$

$MPRC' \overset{q}{\sim} B'A'CC'$

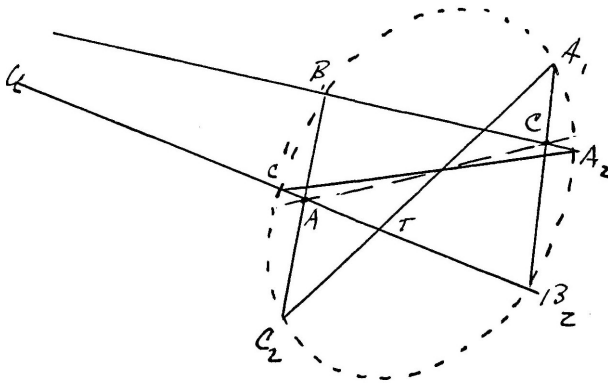
$\therefore (ABCC') \sim (B'A'CC')$

But  $(B'A'CC') = (A'B'CC')$

$\therefore ABCC' = A'B'C'C.$

$\therefore AA', BB', CC',$  are in involution.

Theorem I. If the vertices of a complete quadrangle are on a conic which meets a line in two points, the latter are a pair in the involution determined on the line by the pairs of opposite sides of the quadrangle.



Let  $A_1 A_2 B_1 C_2$  be the vertices of the quadrangle and let the line  $l$  meet the conic in  $B_2, C_1$ . This quadrangle determines on the line an involution in which  $S, H, T$ , and  $U$  are conjugate pairs. But the quadrangle  $A_1 A_2 B_2 C_1$  determines  $Q(B_2, ST, C_1, AU)$ . Hence the two quadrangles determine the same involution on the line and therefore  $B_2, C_1$  are pair of the involution determined by the quadrangle  $A_1 A_2 B_1 C_2$ . Since the quadrangle  $A_1 A_2 B_1 C_2$  and  $A_1 A_2 B_2 C_1$  determine the same involution on the line when

the latter is a tangent to the conic, we have a special case of the above theorem:

Corollary: If the vertices of a complete quadrangle are on a conic the pairs of opposite sides meet the tangents at any other point in pairs of an involution of which the point of contact of the tangent is a double point.

Theorem II. If  $ABCD$  be any complete quadrangle whose six sides  $AB, AC, BC, AD, BD, CD$  are cut by an arbitrary straight line  $a$  in the points  $P, Q, R, S, T, V$ ; and let  $E, F, H, K, L, M$ , be the harmonic conjugates of these points with respect to the pairs of vertices of the quadrangle so that  $AEBP, AFCG$  etc. are harmonic ranges. Then a conic may be passed through the six points  $E, F, K, H, L, M$  on which shall lie the three points of intersection  $x, y$ , and  $z$  of the pairs of opposite sides of the quadrangle.

If  $a$  be the infinitely distant line of the plane the harmonic conjugates become the bisectors of the sides of the quadrangle and if at the same time the quadrangle be such that the three pair of sides intersect at right angles the conic becomes a circle.

Since the line  $a$  may have any position in the plane it determines the doubly infinite system of conic through the three points  $x, y$ , and  $z$ .

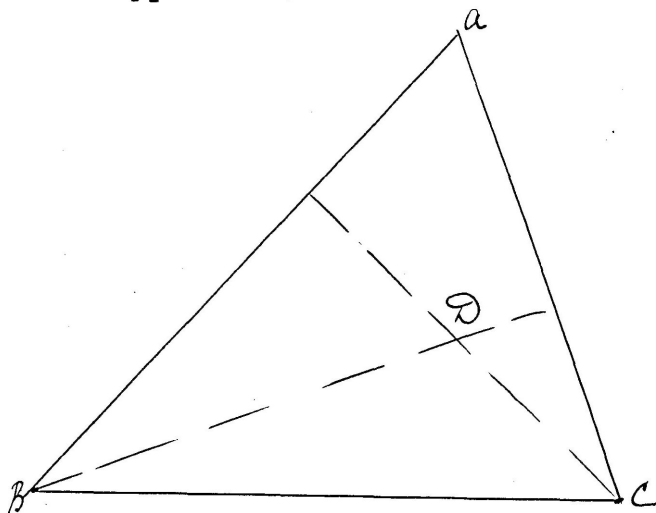


Theorem III. If two quadrangles have the same harmonic points, then their eight vertices lie on a conic; as a particular case, if any three vertices of the vertices are collinear the eight vertices lie on two lines.

Let  $ABCD$  and  $A'B'C'D'$  be two given quadrangles and  $uvw$  be three common harmonic triangle.

If no three of the eight vertices lie on a line we can draw a conic through any five say  $A', B', C', D'$  and  $A$ . Then from the inscribed quadrangle  $A'B'C'D'$  we see that  $U V W$  is a self conjugate triangle with respect to the conic. Also by hypothesis  $U V W$  is the harmonic triangle of the quadrangle  $ABCD$ . Hence  $B$  is such that  $W A U B$  is harmonic; hence  $B$  is on the conic, for  $A$  is on the conic and  $W$  is the pole of  $U V$ ; similarly  $C$  and  $D$  are on the conic.  $ABCD A'B'C'D'$  lie on the conic.

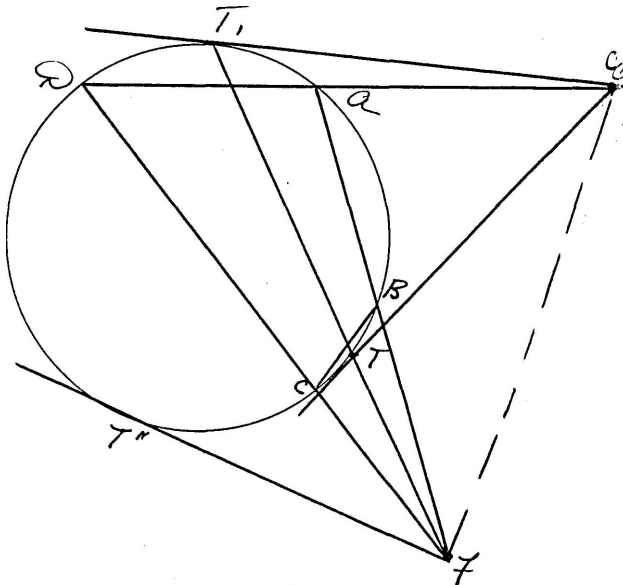
Theorem IV. Every conic circumscribing an orthogonal quadrangle is an equilateral hyperbola.



If ABCD be an orthogaonal quadrangle the line to infinity cuts the second pair of sides in an involution which is projected from a point in a circular involution. Therefore every conic circumscribed to this, determines upon the straight line to infinity two points in orthogonal direction to them, and for that reason is anequilateral hyperbola.

pole of line PR and therefore that line  
 passing through V, the intersection of AC and  
 BD. S is the pole of AD, Q is the pole of CB.  
 Therefore O is the pole of SQ. Again as PR  
 has been proved to be the polar of O, it must  
 when produced pass through O', the intersec-  
 tion of AD and BC, but as O' is the pole of  
 SQ, AO' is cut harmonically and therefore VA,  
 VS, VD, VR form a harmonic pencil. Lastly as  
 AC and BD are polars of the extremities of  
 the diagonal of PQRS this diagonal EF is the  
 polar of their intersection V and therefore  
 it must coincide with the diagonal O'O of the  
 inscribed quadrangle ABCD.

Theorem V. If a quadrangle be inscribed in a circle, the square of the diagonal EF is equal to the sum of the squares of the tangents from its extremities.



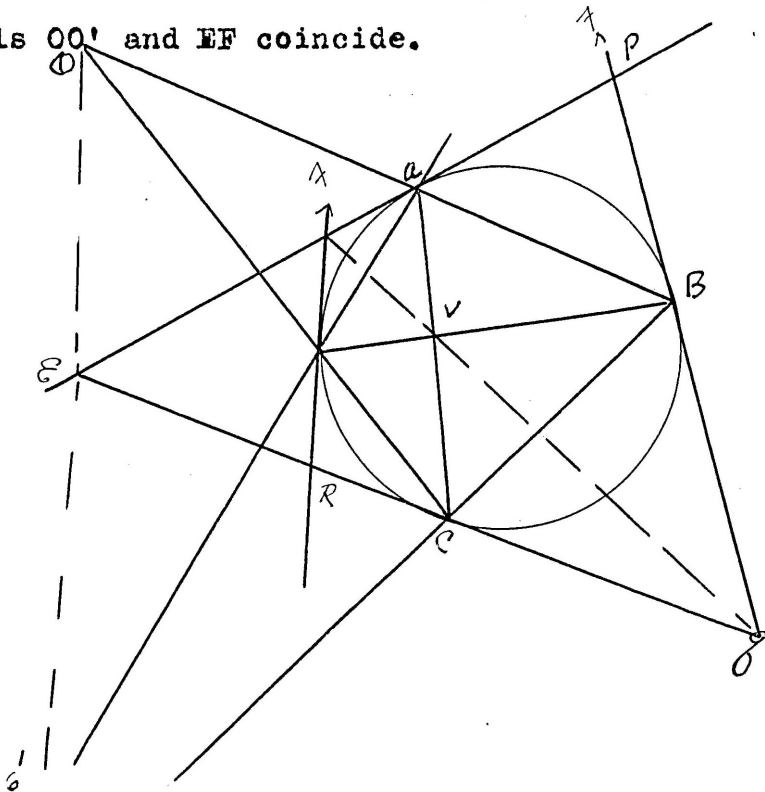
To Prove  $\overline{EF}^2 = \overline{ET}^2 + \overline{FT}^2$

Proof:  $TT'$  is the polar of E and passes through F.  $\overline{EF}^2 = \overline{ET}^2 + \overline{FT}^2$  the square of the tangent from F =  $\overline{FT}^2$

$\therefore \overline{EF}^2 = \overline{ET}^2 + \overline{FT}^2$

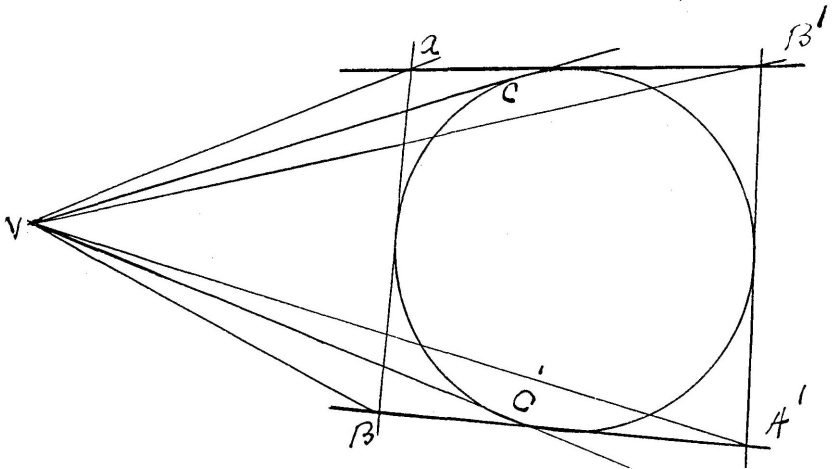
Q.E.D.

Theorem I. If a quadrangle be circumscribed to a circle and an inscribed quadrangle be formed by joining the successive points of contact, the sides  $AC$ ,  $BD$ ,  $PR$ , and  $SQ$  of the two quadrangles intersect on the same point and form a harmonic pencil and the diagonals  $OO'$  and  $EF$  coincide.



Let  $PQRS$  be the circumscribed quadrangle. Let  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at  $O$ . Then  $AB$  and  $CD$  are polars of  $P$  and  $R$ , the point  $O$  is the

Theorem II. If a quadrangle be circumscribed to a circle two tangents from the same point to the vertices of the quadrangle form a pencil in involution.

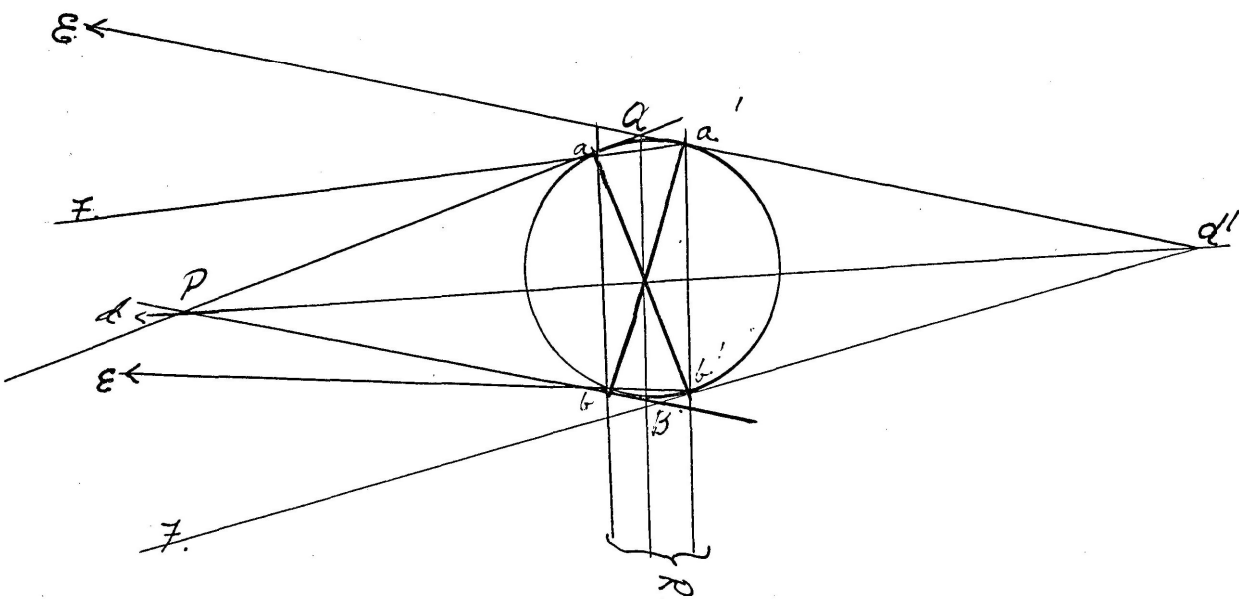


Let  $ABA'B'$  be the quadrangle,  $V$  any point and  $vc$  and  $vc'$  the tangents. Let the tangents be produced to meet  $A'B'$ . Then consider  $VC, VC', AB$ , and  $A'B'$  as four fixed tangents, the cross ratio of their intersection with the fifth tangent is a constant.

$\therefore V(ACC'B') = V(BCC'A') = V(A'C'CB)$  ( $AB$  and  $A'B$  being taken successively as the fifth tangent)

Q.E.D.

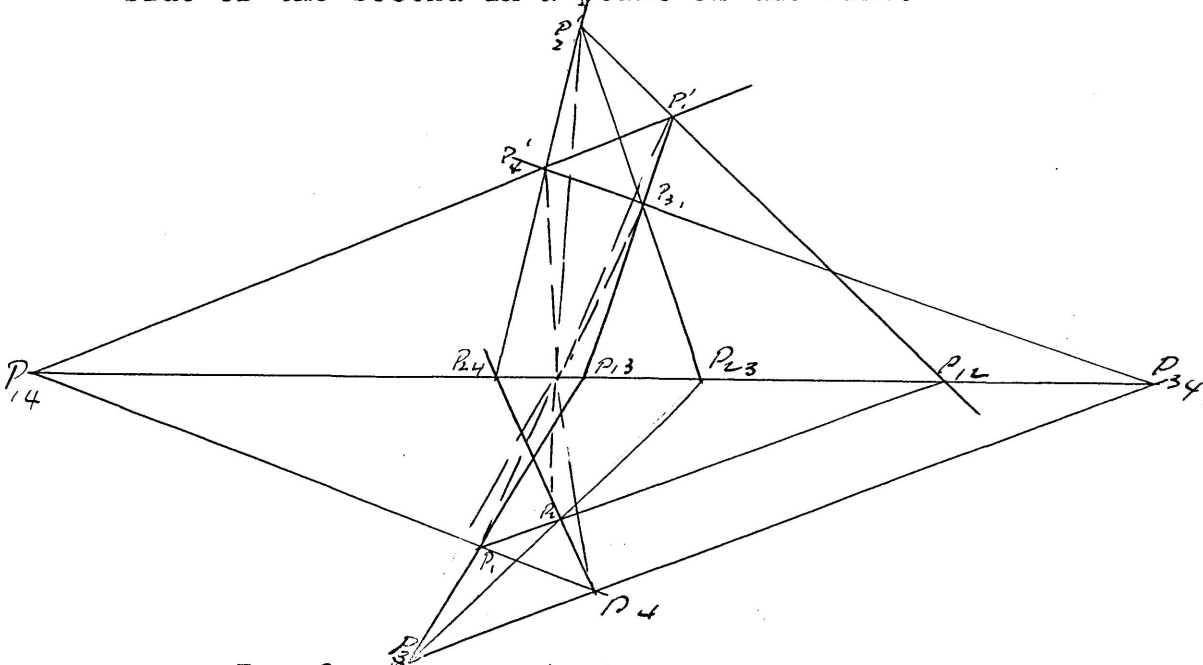
Theorem III. When a quadrangle is circumscribed to a circle one of the sides and the lines which join the points of contact of the opposite sides pass through the same point.



Let  $Ad Bd'$  be the circumscribed quadrangle,  $a'b$ ,  $ab'$  be lines which join the points of contact of the opposite sides.

Lines  $a'b$  and  $ab'$  will intersect on the side  $AB$  since the two vertices  $A, B$  and the point of intersection of the two lines  $ab'$ ,  $a'b$  are three points which pertain to the polar of the point of intersection of the two lines  $aa'$ ,  $bb'$ . For this reason the two lines  $ab'$   $a'b$  will intersect on the second side  $dd'$ .

Theorem I. If two complete quadrangles are so situated that five sides of one meet five sides of the other in points of a line, the sixth side of the first meets the sixth side of the second in a point on the line.



Proof: Suppose that none of the vertices or sides of one of the quadrangles coincide with any vertex or side of the other. Let  $P_1P_2$ ,  $P_1P_3$ ,  $P_1P_4$ ,  $P_2P_3$ ,  $P_2P_4$  be the five sides which by hypothesis meet their homologous sides  $P'_1P'_2$ ,  $P'_1P'_3$ ,  $P'_1P'_4$ ,  $P'_2P'_3$ ,  $P'_2P'_4$  on points on  $l$ . We must show that  $P_3P_4$  and  $P'_3P'_4$  meet in a point on  $l$ . The triangles  $P_1P_2P_3$  and  $P'_1P'_2P'_3$  are by hypothesis perspective from  $l$ ; as also

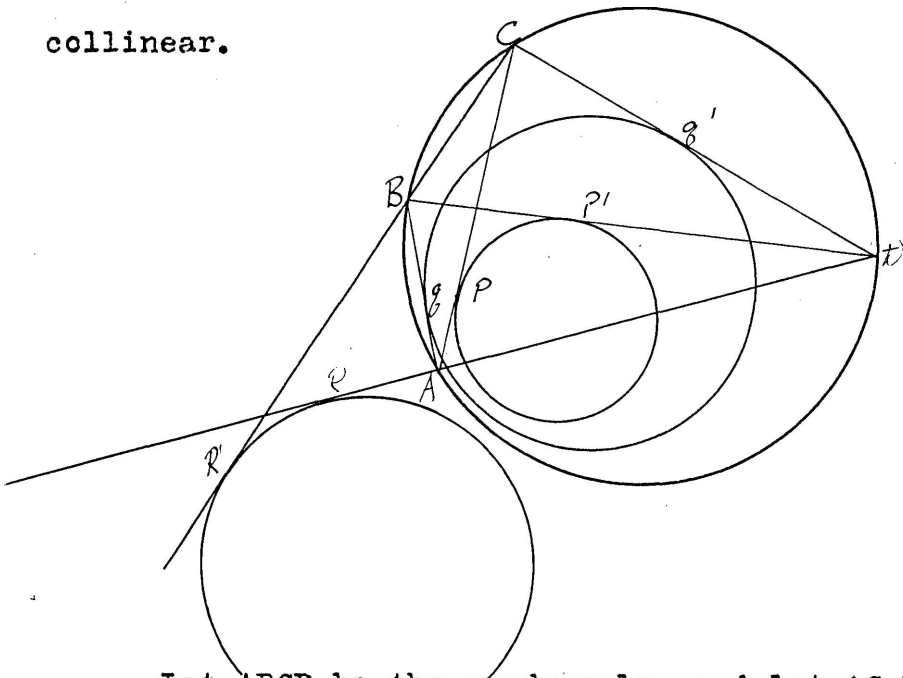


the triangles  $P_1P_2P_4$  and  $P_1'P_2'P_3'$ . Each pair is therefore perspective from a point and this point is in each case the intersection  $O$  of the lines  $P_1P_1'$  and  $P_2P_2'$ . Hence the triangles  $P_2P_3P_4$  and  $P_2'P_3'P_4'$  are perspective from  $O$  and their pairs of homologous sides intersect in the points of a line which is evidently  $l$  since it contains two points of  $l$ . But  $P_3P_4$  and  $P_3'P_4'$  are two homologous sides of these last two triangles. Hence they intersect in a point of the line  $l$ .

If a vertex or side of one quadrangle coincides with a vertex or side of the other the proof is made by considering a third quadrangle whose vertices and sides are distinct from those of both of the others, and which has five of its sides passing through the five given points of intersection of homologous sides of the two given quadrangles. By the argument above its sixth side will meet the sixth side respectively of each of the two given quadrangles in the same point of  $l$ .

# PONCELET'S THEOREM.

Theorem II. If a quadrangle be inscribed in a circle of a given coaxal system so that one pair of opposite sides touch another circle of the system then each pair of opposite sides will touch a circle of the system and the six points of contact will be collinear.



Let ABCD be the quadrangle, and let AC, BD touch another circle at points  $P, P'$ . Let  $PP'$  cut AB, CD in Q, and  $Q'$  and AD, BC in R and  $R'$ .

$\triangle AQP, \triangle DQ'P'$  are similar and

$\therefore AQ : AP = DQ' : DP' \quad AP : AQ = \sin \angle AQP' : \sin \angle APQ$   
 and  $BP' : BQ = \sin \angle BP'Q : \sin \angle BQP'$ . But the angles  $\angle APQ, \angle QP'B$  are equal and  $\therefore AP : AQ = BP' : BQ$ .  
 Hence  $AP : AQ = BP' : BQ = DP' : DQ'$

$CP : CQ'$ . Let  $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4$  denote the circles whose centers are  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  and whose radii are  $AQ, BQ, CQ', DQ'$  respectively. Now only one circle can be drawn coaxal with the given

circles which will cut  $z$ , orthogonally. Let this circle be denoted by  $x$   $(AX) : (BX) : (CX) : (DX) = AP : BP' : CP : DP'$ .

$\therefore (AX) : (BX) : (CX) : (DX) = AQ : BQ : CQ' : DQ'$

But  $(AX) = AQ \therefore (BX) = BQ \quad (CX) = CQ' \quad (DX) = DQ'$

Since  $(BX) = BQ$  it follows that  $x$  must cut  $z_x$  orthogonally.  $\therefore x$  must pass through the

limiting points of the circles  $z, z_2$ . But these

circles touch at the point  $Q$ . Hence the circle  $x$  must touch  $AB$  at the point  $f$ . Similarly the circle  $x$  will cut orthogonally the circles

$z_3, z_4$ . Therefore since these circles touch at the point  $Q'$ , the circles  $x$  must touch  $CD$  at  $Q'$ .

Thus the pair of connectors  $AB, CD$  touch the same circle of the coaxal systems at the points  $Q$  and  $Q'$ . In a similar manner it may be proved that the pair of connectors  $AD, BC$  will touch a circle coaxal with the given circles at the points  $R$  and  $R'$

Proof: Let the quadrangles be in the same plane and let their vertices be  $A, B, C, D$ , and  $H', B', C', D'$ . we must show first that there exists a collineation leaving any three vertices say  $A', B', c'$  of the quadrangle  $A' B' c' D'$  invariant and transforming into the fourth,  $D'$ , any other point  $D_3$  not on a side of the triangle  $A'B'C'$ .

$A'B'C'$ .

Let  $\underline{D}$  be the intersection of  $AD_3$ ,  $B'D'$  and consider the homology with center  $A'$  and axis  $B'C'$  transforming  $D_3$  into  $\bar{D}$ . Next consider the homology with center  $B'$  and axis  $C'A'$  transforming  $\bar{D}$  into  $D'$ . Both these homologies exist by Theorem IX. The resultant of these two homologies is a collineation leaving fixed  $A'B'C'$  and transforming  $D_3$  into  $D_I$ .

Let  $O_1$  be any point on the line containing  $A$  and  $A'$  and let  $o_1$  be any line not passing through  $A$  or  $A'$ . There exists a perspective collineation, transforming  $A$  to  $A'$  and leaving  $O_1$  and  $o_1$  as centers and axis. Let  $B_I, C_I, D_I$  be points such that  $\pi_1(ABCD) = A'B_IC_ID_I$ .

In like manner let  $o_2$  be any line through  $A'$  not containing  $B$  or  $B'$  and let  $O_2$  be any point on the line  $B B'$ . Let  $\pi_2$  be the perspective collineation with axis  $o_2$ , center  $O_2$ , and transforming  $B_I$  to  $B'$ . Let  $C_2 = \pi_2(C_I)$  and  $D_2 = \pi_2(D_I)$ . Hence  $\pi_2(A'B_IC_ID_I) = A'B'C_2D_2$ .

Now let  $O_3$  be any point on the line  $C_2C'$  and let  $\pi_3$  be the perspective collineation which has  $A'B' = o_3$  for axis,  $O_3$  for center, and transforms  $C_2$  to  $C'$ . The existence of  $\pi_3$  follows as soon as we observe that  $C'$  is not on the line  $A'B'$  by hypothesis, and  $C_2$  is not on  $A'B'$ ; be-

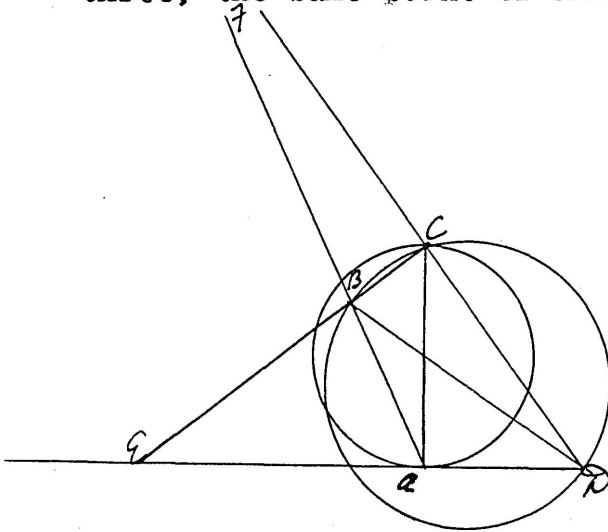
cause if so,  $C_1$  would be on  $A'B_1$  and therefore  $C$  would be on  $AB$ . Let  ${}_3(D_2) = D_3$ . It follows that  $\pi_3(A'B'C_2 D_2) = A'B'C'D_3$

The point  $D_3$  can not be on a side of the triangle  $A'B'C'$  because then  $D_2$  would be on a side of  $A'B'C_2$ , and hence  $D_1$  on a side of  $A'B_1B_1$  and, finally  $D$  on a side of  $ABC$ . Hence, by the first paragraph of this proof, there exists a projectivity  $\pi_4$  such that  $\pi_4(A'B'C'D_3) = A'B'C'D'$ .

The resultant  $\pi_4 \pi_3 \pi_2 \pi_1$  of these four collineations clearly transforms  $ABCD$  into  $A'B'C'D'$  respectively. If the quadrangles are in different planes, we need only add a perspective transformation between the two planes.

Corollary. There exists projective collineations in a plane which will effect any one of the possible twenty four permutations of the vertices of a complete quadrangle in the plane.

Theorem IV. The three circumferences of circles which have for their diameters the sides AC, BD and the diagonal line EF have, all three, the same point of intersection.



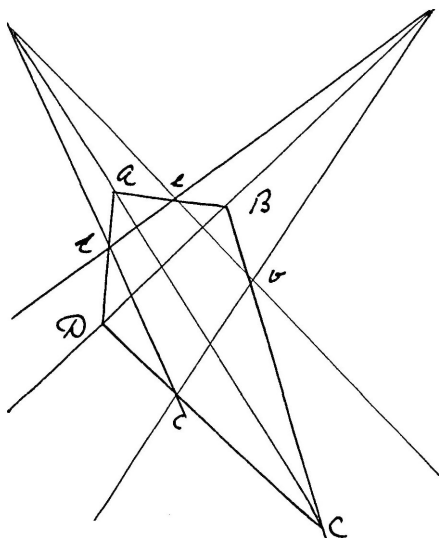
Proof: Suppose that the point which

one has taken to draw the lines to the vertices and to the points of intersection of the opposite sides is one of the points of intersection of the two

circles described on the sides AC and BD as diameters. The lines taken from this point to each pair will be perpendicular and it follows that the circumference described on EF as diameter will pass through C the same point of intersection of the circles on AC and BD.

Q.E.D.

Theorem V. If one of the four sides of the quadrangle ABCD one takes the four points a, b, c, d so that the relation  $\frac{aA}{aB} \cdot \frac{bB}{bC} \cdot \frac{cC}{cD} \cdot \frac{dD}{dA} = I$  and if one considers these points as the consecutive vertices of a second quadrangle abcd the points of intersection of the opposite sides of this second quadrangle will be situated on the two sides AC, BD of the first.



The lines ab, cd will cross the line AC suppose in two distinct points e, e'. One will have therein the ABC, ADC the relation  $\frac{aA}{aB} \cdot \frac{bB}{bC} \cdot \frac{eC}{eA} = I$

$$\frac{cC}{cD} \cdot \frac{dD}{dA} \cdot \frac{e'A}{e'C} = I$$

Multiply these together term for term,

$$\frac{aA}{aB} \cdot \frac{bB}{bC} \cdot \frac{eC}{eA} \cdot \frac{cC}{cD} \cdot \frac{dD}{dA} \cdot \frac{e'A}{e'C} = I$$

or we must conclude  $\frac{EC}{EA} = \frac{E'C}{E'A}$  or E and E' coincide.

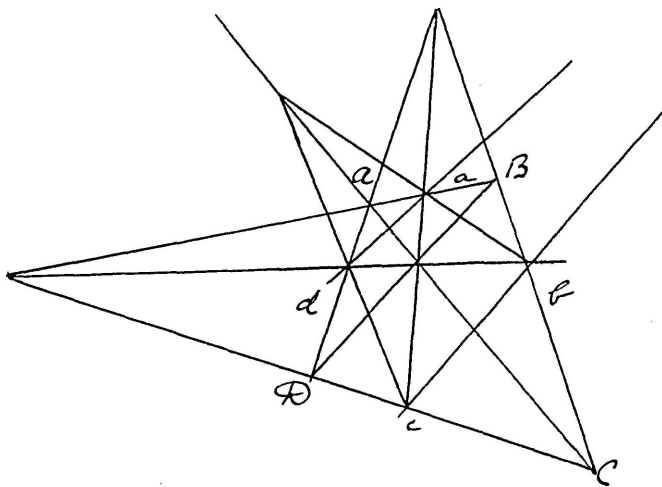
Hence ab, cd, intersect on AC.

Q.E.D.



Theorem VI. If through the points of intersection of the opposite sides of a quadrangles ABCD one takes two lines which meet resepctively, the two pair of opposite sides in a, c, and b, d, there is formed between the segments which these points make on the four sides, the relation

$\frac{aA}{aB} \cdot \frac{bB}{bC} \cdot \frac{cC}{cD} \cdot \frac{dD}{dA} = I$  and it follows the quad-  
 angle abcd which has for its vertices these four  
 points has the points of intersection of the op-  
 posite sides on the sides AC and BD of the quadrangle.



The cross ratio  
 of two ranges E, A, a, B  
 and E, D, c, C are equal

$$\therefore \frac{aA}{aB} : \frac{EA}{EB} = \frac{cD}{cC} : \frac{ED}{EC}$$

and

$$\frac{bB}{bC} : \frac{FB}{FC} = \frac{dA}{dD} : \frac{FA}{FD}$$

These equations  
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$$\frac{aA}{aB} \cdot \frac{bB}{bC} \cdot \frac{cC}{cD} \cdot \frac{dD}{dA} = \frac{EA}{EB} \cdot \frac{EC}{ED} \cdot \frac{FA}{FB} \cdot \frac{FD}{FC} \quad \text{But the}$$

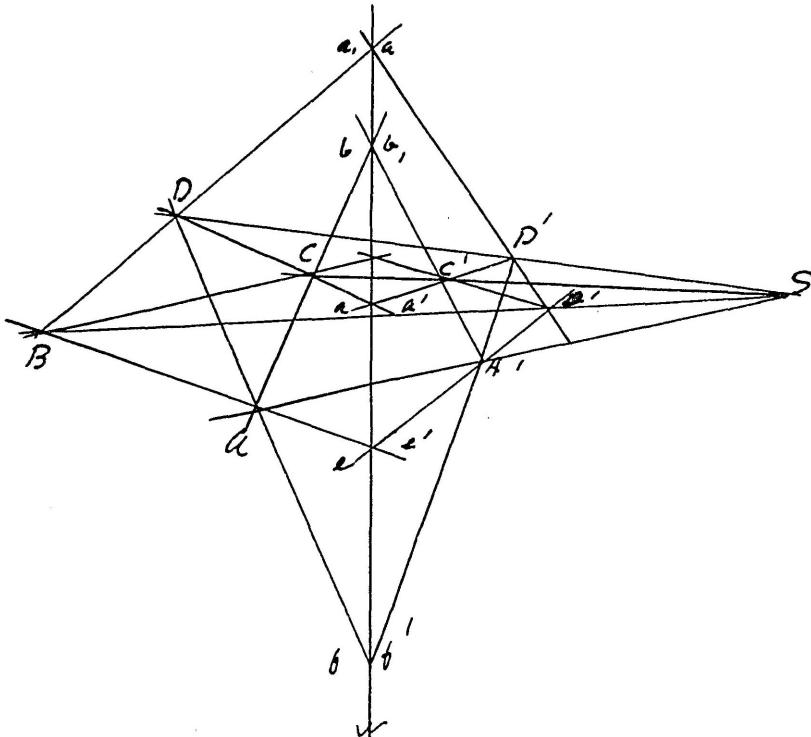
second member we know equals I.

$$\therefore \frac{aA}{aB} \cdot \frac{bB}{bC} \cdot \frac{cC}{cD} \cdot \frac{dD}{dA} = I$$

Q.E.D.

In connection with the complete quadrangle there are a number of theorems, which follow as special cases under some more general theorems and for which the author in whose book they may be found has thought it unnecessary to give a proof. Such properties are best understood by examining the previous work on which they are based, and for these only the theorem figures and the reference to the book in which they may be found, will be given. This same rule will hold also for those, where it is impossible to reproduce the proofs because of their length.

Theorem I. If two complete quadrangles  $ABCD$  and  $A_1B_1C_1D_1$  lying in different planes whose line of intersection  $u$  passes through none of the eight vertices are correlated to each other, and five sides  $a, b, c, d, e,$  of one quadrangle intersect (upon  $u$ ) the corresponding sides  $a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1, e_1$  respectively of the other, there are the two quadrangles sections of one and the same complete focii-edge, and therefore their remaining two sides  $f$  and  $f_1$  also intersect on  $w$ .



If  $u$  is an infinitely distant straight line our theorem would read:

If, in two complete quadrangles which are

correlated to each other five pair of homologous sides are parallel, then the remaining two sides are also parallel.

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Theorem II. If two self polar quadrangles ABCD and A B C'D' of a conic  $y^2$  have two vertices A and B in common, their six vertices lie upon a curve of the second order, which may however degenerate into the two straight lines AB and CD.

Theorem . If a self polar triangle and a self polar quadrangle have one vertex in common, their six vertices lie upon a curve of the second order.

Theorem . If two self-polar quadrangles ABCD and A B'C'D' common to  $y^2$  and  $y_I^2$ , have one vertex A in common, their seven vertices lie upon a curve of the second order.

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Theorem III. If a conic section  $k^2$  is circumscribed to a quadrangle which is self-polar with respect to another conic section  $y^2$  the two curves have the following relation to each other:

(a) Any three points of  $k^2$  determine a self polar quadrangle of  $y^2$  whose fourth vertex also lies upon  $k^2$ .

(b) If  $k^2$  is intersected by two straight lines which are conjugate with respect to  $y^2$  the points of intersection are the vertices of a quadrangle which is self-polar with respect to  $y^2$ .

(c) To the curve  $k^2$  there can therefore be inscribed an infinite number of quadrangles and are infinite of real triangles which are self-polar with respect to  $y^2$ ; every point of  $k^2$  enclosed by  $y^2$  is a vertex of one of these self polar triangles.

(d) The polar of a point of  $k^2$  with respect to  $y^2$  intersects either one or both of the curves in two real points which are conjugate with respect to the curve upon which ~~the-curve~~ they do not lie.

(e) Two tangents to  $y^2$ , whose points of contact are conjugate with respect to  $k^2$ , always intersect in a point of  $k^2$ .

Theorem IV. The conic section  $k^2$  which support a given curve of the second class  $y^2$  form a manifold of four dimensions which we shall call a net of conics of the fourth grade. About an arbitrary quadrangle there can be circumscribed in general only one conic of this net; for the quadrangle becomes self-polar with respect to  $y^2$ , and all conics circumscribed about it belong to the net, as soon as any of them support the curve  $y^2$ .

Theorem v. If two conics of a net of any grade are circumscribed to a quadrangle, this quadrangle is self-polar with respect to all curves of the second class which are supported by the net, and consequently all conics which circumscribe the quadrangle belong to the net.

Theorem . All conics which support two curves of the second class  $y^2$  and  $y_I^2$ , and pass through two real points are circumscribed to a common self polar quadrangle of  $y^2$  and  $y_I^2$  whose remaining two vertices may however be conjugate imaginary.

Theorem VI. A point through which two conics of a sheaf pass is a common point of all curves of the sheaf and a two fold

point of the associate web of conics of the third grade. All the conics circumscribed to a quadrangle form a sheaf of conics; the associate web of the third grade contains all conics for which the quadrangle is self polar.

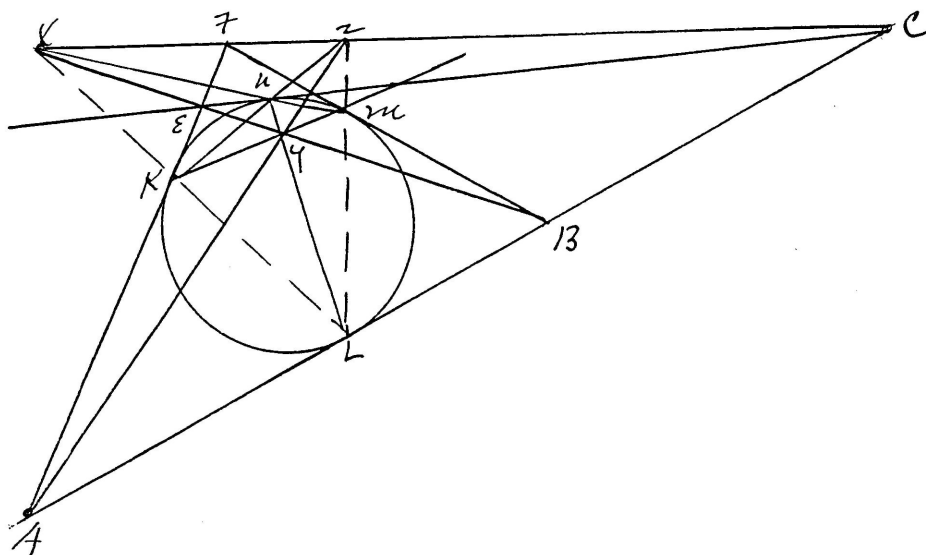
Theorem VII. A sheaf of conics contains at least one, but in general, and at most three real line pairs; these three pairs of rays intersect in the three vertices of the self polar triangle at the sheaf, and form the three pairs of opposite sides of a real or imaginary quadrangle to which the sheaf of conics is circumscribed.

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Theorem VIII. In any quadrangle inscribed in a curve of the second order, the point of intersection of pairs of opposite sides be in a straight line with the points of intersection of the tangents at opposite vertices.

Theorem IX. If four points K,L,M,N of a curve of the second order determine a complete quadrangle and then tangents k,l,m,n, a

complete quadrilateral, the three pairs of opposite vertices of the quadrilateral lie upon the straight lines joining the points  $x, y, z$ , in which pairs of opposite sides of the quadriangle intersect.

**Theorem X.** If through a point  $N$  which lies in the plane of a curve of the second order, but not upon the curve, any number of secants of the curve be drawn and we determine-

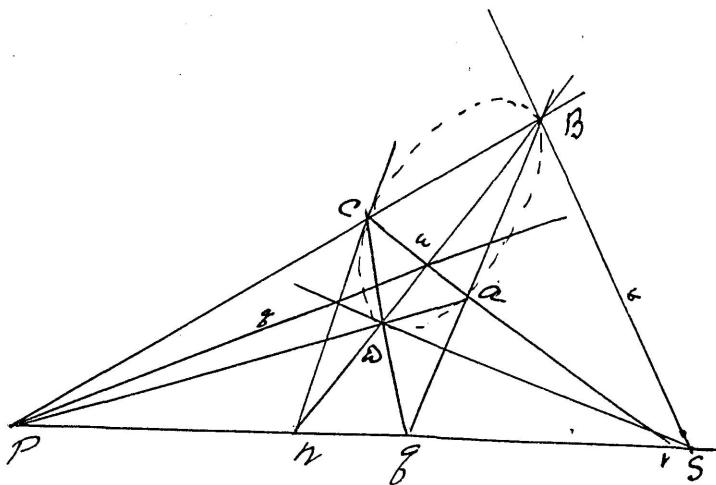
(1) The points of intersection of the pairs of opposite sides of any simple quadriangle inscribed in the curve which has two of these secants as diagonals;

(2) The point upon any secant which is harmonically separated from  $N$  by the points of intersection with the curve;

(3) The common point of the two tangents which can be drawn to the curve at the points of intersection of the secants;

(4) The points of contact of the tangents which can be drawn to the curve from  $N$ ;

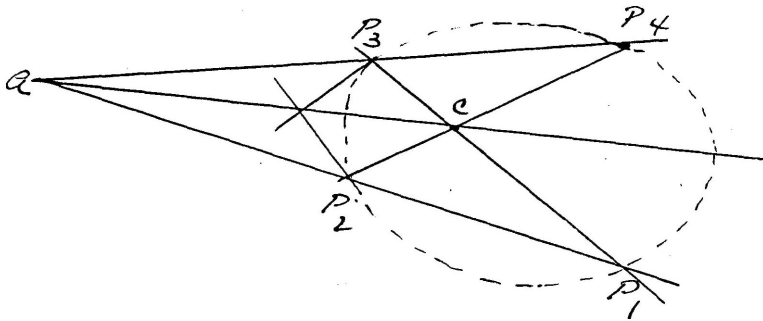
Then these points lie upon a straight line  $n$  which is called the polar of the point with respect to the curve of the second order.




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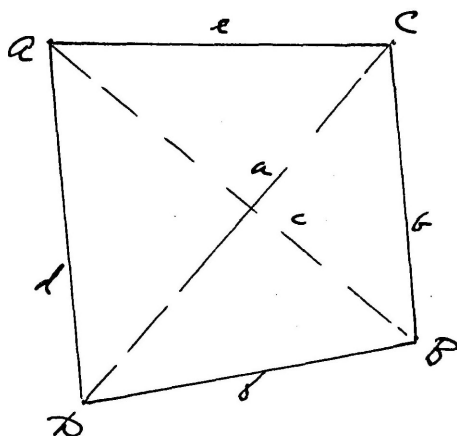
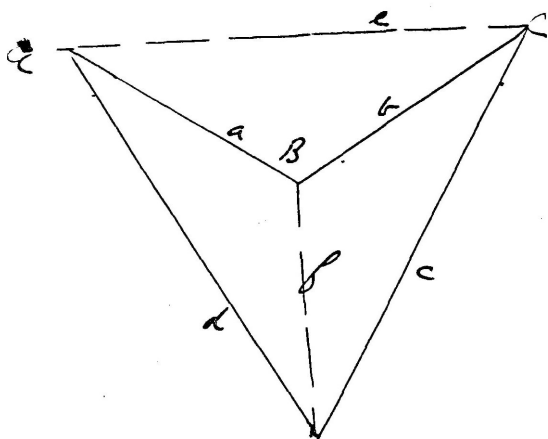
Theorem XI. If the vertices of a complete quadrangle are points of a point conic, the tangents at a pair of vertices meet in a point of the line passing through the diagonal points of the quadrangle which are not on the side joining the two vertices.



Taken from Volume I of Veblen and Young ,  
Projective Geometry., page II5.

Theorem XII. In a complete quadrangle  
 if  $e:f = (da + bc) : (dc + ab)$  either  $ef \parallel ac \parallel bd$   
 and the quadrangle may be inscribed or  

$$\left\{ (a^2 + c^2 + b^2 + d^2 - e^2 - f^2) (ac + bd + ef) \right\} =$$
  
 $2(da + bc) (dc + ab) = 0$



In case  $ef \parallel ac + bd$  and the quadrangle  
 can not be inscribed the figure is called  
 a Qyadrangle of Desboves. For a discussion  
 of this one is referred to the articles by  
 M.G. Fontene' in the January and February  
 numbers of the Nouvelles Annales for nineteen  
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